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Sparks and Splinters

Just keep in mind that "bringing in the sheaves" is more important than bringing in the shekels.

Briar Hill Church in Rankin County is not big in numbers, but they sent in \$16.80 for the orphanage on Mother's Day.

Pastor S. H. Jones of Brookhaven preached the Commencement Sermon last Sunday for Whitworth College. He is this week in a revival meeting at Quentin Church, S. A. Wilkinson, pastor.

For the second succeeding year Pastor J. R. Eubanks of Tabernacle Church, Greenville, preached the commencement sermon for Riverside school. The Mother's Day offering of his church was \$18.25.

Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey delivered the commencement address for Northwest Mississippi Junior College and high school at Senatobia May 24. The graduating class was the largest in the history of the institution.

All arrangements have been completed for a Daily Vacation Bible school June 10-21 at Senatobia, with Mrs. H. L. Martin as principal and Miss Camille Gregory, assistant principal, and a strong faculty of fourteen teachers.

Rose Hill in Smith County remembered the pastor's fiftieth birthday with a nice shower on last Sunday. There was good interest and good attendance at each service. Our revival is to begin on the first Sunday in July and continue through the week. We will desire your prayers. —R. O. Bankston.

Speakers at the Central Mississippi Pastor's Conference meeting at First Church Jackson, Tuesday A. M., June 4, has for its subject the Book of Revelation. Speakers are J. S. Deaton, W. F. Yarborough, A. B. Pierce, T. W. Green, Carey Cox, P. I. Lipsey and Theo. Whitfield.

Lyon: Bible school attendance for each of last 13 Sundays above corresponding Sundays last year. On eight of these, set new ten-year records. On three Sundays, new all-time marks (records go back to 1924) for those Sundays. H. J. Victory, assistant county agent, is superintendent. —Pastor B. Fr. Smith.

On May 5, First Church in New Orleans celebrated the third anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. J. D. Grey. There have been 1,099 additions to the church in this time, making a net gain of 442. There have been 264 baptisms. Given to all sources \$101,856.03 of which approximately 26 per cent went to missions; \$14,433.53 paid in building debt.

Calvary Church, Tupelo, is having constant additions by baptism and by letter. They send twenty-five per cent of their budget collections to denominational causes and have since the organization of the church. Their collections now are better than at any other time in the history of the church. They are sending pastor S. B. Cooper to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Bettie Stubblefield of Bethel (Black Jack) Church has read the Baptist Record from its beginning, and is still reading it. And she still writes a good letter. Her life work as a Christian covers much of the best in Mississippi Baptist history. She, like the editor, fears that our present world has gone crazy. Maybe outside the kingdom of God, it has always been so.

Four members of the graduating class at William Jewell College, Missouri, of fifty years ago will attend this year's commencement. They are Dr. Everett Gill of North Carolina, Dr. R. M. Inlow of Oklahoma, Dr. T. P. Stafford of Kansas City and Dr. A. M. Tutt of Missouri.

Since January Rev. Otis H. Ashworth has been preaching each first and third Sundays at Van Cleave. Our Sunday School superintendent is Olin Davis an alumnus of Mississippi State College. Recently a W.M.S. was organized by the help of Mrs. J. H. Matthews and others of Gulfport, meeting Monday after the first Sunday. Mrs. Howard Davis is president and Mrs. H. S. De Vaughn, Secretary. Our meeting begins June 23. Our membership of 24 asks the help of your prayers. —Mrs. J. W. Murphy, C.C.

A Chinese business man in San Antonio, converted a year ago and now a deacon in the Chinese church is providing funds for a church building in the village in China where his mother lives; also he gave to Bill Marshall, who is going to China on an Evangelistic tour, \$100.00 to use in visiting this village and carrying to his mother phonograph records in which he had preached and sung in Chinese the gospel that his mother might hear the gospel and his voice which she had not heard in 18 years.

We recently conducted a very excellent series of revival services at the Moorhead Baptist church. The interest was splendid, and attendance was gratifying throughout the meeting. The building was frequently taxed to hold the evening congregations. Rev. L. W. Ferrell of Griffith church at Jackson preached for us with great power and acceptance. The song services were in charge of Bro. A. E. Harvey of Brookhaven. There were some fifteen additions to the church. —L. E. McGowen, pastor.

Mississippi College Commencement exercises begin Saturday morning, June 1st., at 10:30. In the morning the Freshman contest for the Kyzar Medal and the Sophomore contest for the Wallace medal. In the evening the Theatre presentation. On Sunday, Baccalaureate Sermon by Secretary D. A. McCall; Band concert in the afternoon; and sacred concert in the evening by the band and the chapel choir. Monday: Senior Breakfast at 7:30 a. m.; Junior contest for Trotter Medal at 10:00 a. m.; Senior contest for Nelson Medal at 10:40; Extemporaneous Debate for Lee-Emerson medals at 11:30 a. m. Alumni Luncheon at 1 p. m. with class reunions. Presidents Reception at 3:30 p. m. Graduating Exercises and Baccalaureate address by M. C. McGehee at 5:30 p. m.

First Church of Macon on last Sunday morning ordained three deacons and installed two others into the office who had been previously ordained. The three were Prof. R. M. Spaulding, for fourteen years superintendent of the High School; Mr. John C. Gates and Mr. T. W. Crigler, who is the fourth generation of deacons in his family. The two others were: Mr. W. P. McMullins and Mr. O. L. Priest. Pastor R. D. Pearson has been thirteen years in this church and now has thirteen deacons. The editor had the privilege of preaching the sermon, and was impressed with the fine group of men who serve as deacons. We enjoyed the hospitality of Pastor and Mrs. Pearson. They have a son who will enter Mississippi College this fall, and there will be others from Macon.

April receipts of the Foreign Mission Board were \$75,103.27 of which \$45,909.45 came through the Cooperative Program.

Senatobia church has organized a Baptist Brotherhood and the brethren are enthusiastic over the splendid way the work has begun. Officers are Dr. H. L. Martin, pastor; J. Tom Kizer, president; E. H. Strain, Prof. W. T. Douglas and W. U. Smith, vice-president; W. P. Brown, secretary; David Jones, treasurer; Thomas Gregory, chorister; and S. R. Oakley, L. H. Wells, Dr. I. C. Farmer, Tom P. Wilson, H. M. Holcomb and W. A. Hurt, chairmen of the several committees.

Southwest Mississippi Baptist Pastor's Conference will meet at the First Church, McComb, Monday June 3 at 10 a. m. The subject is "Our Baptist Assembly" to be held at Camp Tangipahoa, Percy Quinn Park, near McComb July 14-19. Rev. C. M. Day will speak on the "Study Courses;" Rev. Wyatt Hunter on the "Spiritual Value of the Assembly;" Sermon by S. G. Pope. Other speakers are: J. B. Hunt, S. J. Rhodes, W. L. Holcomb and B. T. Bishop. Officers for next year are President, S. G. Pope; Vice-president, B. T. Bishop; Treasurer, Fred B. Bookter; and Critic, P. S. Rogers.

Dr. Cox, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Meridian, led in a five days meeting with the Ruleville Baptist Church. This has been of the greatest value to our whole community and a lasting impression has been made. He spoke to the public school at 8:30 each morning and again that morning to the church membership. The power of these messages was self evident. Before the evening service, the Sunday School met in its various classes for a brief period to check over attendance and for prayer. This did much to make the meeting vital and fruitful. The people of the whole community responded and until now twenty three additions to the church have been received, but more are expected as the weeks continue. In addition there were two who made decisions but united with a different church. Dr. Cox has greatly enriched our church and community life.

The editor had the opportunity to be in at the close of the week's church to church campaign in Pearl River Association. The brethren were feeling good as a result of the meetings held in nineteen churches in the past few days, having a different speaker each evening at each church. There were 95 sermons with a good average attendance. There was a meeting at Carriere Church Friday afternoon in which all the preachers and many laymen got together for reports. Pastor Powell of the local church presided. They are already talking about a similar program next year. At this afternoon meeting they listened to three visiting brethren: Goodrich, McCall, and Lipsey. The ladies of the community served a "refreshing" supper at the church. Anybody would be impressed with this fine group of pastors, vigorous and aggressive. For the evening service the editor was assigned to Juniper Grove church, where we found that Pastor B. S. Hilbun was taking good hold and beginning a Christ-centered Crusade, as the other churches in the county. These people have a good two story brick building adequate for all their work, and have a pastor for full time. They gave the visiting preacher a good hearing. I hear that Senator Bilbo, who holds membership here will build for the church a two story brick home. Baptist outlook was never better in this county.

Sparks and Splinters

Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, of the Home Mission Board is at Daytona Beach, Fla., under orders of his physician to rest.

We hear that Rev. Jos. Cohen, Jewish Christian evangelist is in the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans for a serious operation.

Kansas City Baptist Seminary, H. E. Dana president, will conduct a two weeks' summer school at Woman's College, Denver, in June.

Three hundred and twelve are to receive degrees from Baylor University in June. They are from 15 states, from Hawai, China and Russia.

Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., of New Orleans, preaches the missionary sermon at the commencement of William Jewell College, of which he is an alumnus.

W. D. Upshaw, ex-congressman of Georgia has been appointed to a place on the National Youth Administration, with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Frank Moody Purser of Oxford recently helped in a revival meeting in Ruhama church, Birmingham, near Howard College. There were 52 additions, 31 by baptism.

Dr. T. F. Harvey has returned to the pulpit of Gordon St. Church, Atlanta, after long illness following influenza. On his first Sunday there were 14 additions to the church.

Memphis, Tenn., is inviting the Southern Baptist Convention to meet there in 1941 when the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Mississippi by DeSoto will be celebrated.

One pastor who recently had brother Joe Canzoneri with him in a meeting, says, "He is one of the best evangelistic singers I have ever known, but he is a far better preacher than singer."

And now they say that New Orleans is inviting the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1941. So far there are invitations from New Orleans, Memphis, Birmingham and Kansas City.

J. W. (Bill) Marshall and his wife sailed June 6 for China to participate in the All-China Revival. He is State Baptist Student Secretary for Texas, and has been greatly blessed in this kind of work in Texas. They will attend the Chinese B. T. U. Convention. They are graduates of Baylor University and the Southwestern Seminary.

We have seen many cartoons of Mussolini. There is one which somebody ought to make. Benito M. as a buzzard sitting on a limb watching the armies of other nations going by, just waiting to pounce upon any side which may fall by the way. He seems absolutely void of principle, any conception of right or wrong, only desiring to reap the benefits of the slaughter, whichever side wins.

Plans for the homecoming on "Mother" Berry's 90th birthday November 16 were worked out tentatively at the annual meeting of the Blue Mountain College National Alumnae Association recently. A portrait of General M. P. Lowrey, founder of the college and father of "Mother" Berry, is to be presented to the college at that time. Mrs. K. S. Parrish, Brandenton, Fla., chairman of the campus beautification committee, has arranged for a landscape architect to spend two months on the campus this summer to lay out a floral design.

Pastor A. H. Childress of Longview announces the program for the Centennial celebration of Bethesda Church, June 5, 1940, beginning at 9:30 a. m. Devotional services will be led by Rev. R. D. Pearson and Rev. Owen Williams. Welcome address by R. L. Carpenter; Response by J. H. Street; History of the Church by Halbert Cunningham; Recognition of former pastors, members and visitors. Address at 11 a. m. by Secretary D. A. McCall. After dinner served at the church there will be addresses by P. I. Lipsey and W. H. Smith. Dr. J. D. Ray will open the meeting and Pastor A. H. Childress will pronounce the benediction.

Pastor A. E. Pardue and the church at Magnolia will have Rev. R. Houston Smith of Napoleon Ave. Church, New Orleans, with them in a revival meeting June 2-9. The pastor will be in charge of the music.

Pastor W. Jennings Baggett of Georgeona, Ala., writes that brother Joe Canzoneri greatly endeared himself to his people in a ten days church revival in May. One member said that this meeting meant more to him and, as he thinks, to the church, than anything they have ever had. The church has invited him to return in the fall for another meeting.

Preachers of East Central Mississippi have organized a pastors' conference. The first meeting was held on May 6th at Philadelphia, when Rev. J. N. McMillin of Louisville was elected president, Rev. R. K. Corder of Philadelphia was elected vice-president, and C. C. Weaver of Noxapater was elected secretary. Philadelphia is to be the permanent meeting place. The program will be along the usual lines. The next meeting will be Monday, June 3rd.

Our meeting closed our campaign "Youth Adventures With Christ." Rev. Barney Walker preached for us. He needs no praise from me to Mississippi Baptists. He is giving his entire time to evangelistic work and I can truthfully say that he is peculiarly fitted for it. He was with us for one week and our church experienced a great revival. We had 26 additions to our church and much good otherwise was accomplished. I can most heartily commend brother Walker to churches that are looking for a man who can really do the job. Mr. Grant Sinclair of Fort Payne, Ala., led our singing and did a good job of it. He is a man of experience in evangelistic singing and has had success. Our church is making progress along all lines. We are to begin our Daily Vacation Bible school next Monday and are expecting great results from it.—T. M. Fleming, Meridian.

We are persuaded that the hope of democracy in religion is with the small Baptist church, which attends to its own business. This does not mean simply that it will let the business of other churches alone, but that the whole membership of the local church has a voice in all the business of the church. And the danger to democracy in religion is in these same Baptist churches. Whenever the conduct of the churches business is turned over to a group within the church, democracy is dead. And this is what has already happened in many of our Baptist churches. At heart some of our people do not believe in democracy. They are afraid of it. They do not believe that the people can be trusted. They are afraid the "people" will make trouble, and make a mess of things. Many a pastor feels that he is safer and the church is safer when a small group in the church handles the business. The people are dangerous if they do not have the Spirit of God. A church would be nothing but a mob, if the Spirit of God was not in control. It is not a church at all without the Spirit of God.

The Christian Century speaking of the American ambassador to the pope says: "The 'personal representative' aspect has entirely dropped from Mr. Taylor's memory (or that of the state department). The ambassadorship stands in stark simplicity; and the American address of the emissary is not in care of the person whose 'personal representative' he is elsewhere alleged to be, but 'The State Department, Washington, D. C.' This makes it unanimous! Everyone who ought to know, agrees. Mr. Roosevelt appointed him to the Holy See with the rank of Ambassador (without any qualification); he was received by the pope as an official ambassador; he punctiliously performed all the acts which go with the induction of an official ambassador into his new position; and he now assumes the title and full honor of ambassador to the Vatican. Those who continue to treat this matter as a mere unofficial, informal, 'personal representative' sort of thing, should now agree with the Catholic paper, the Savior's Call, which begins an exultant editorial with these words: "In fact, if not in name, Mr. Taylor is the American ambassador to the Vatican."

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

(FUNERALS"—(Continued)

Unfortunately, too many of us carry a pagan hangover in our conception of death and in the terminology we use regarding it. Much of our thinking and language incident to death and burial is in conflict with the New Testament idea. For years I have been trying to break myself of a habit of saying that Mr. A or Mrs. B are buried in this or that cemetery. While I have officiated at more than a thousand funerals I thank the Lord I have never buried anyone. We do not bury people, we bury, inter the mortal house in which they live but which they vacate at death.

The real personality, the true selfhood has entered into the life that lies beyond death. For the redeemed it is better by far than anything that life could ever be in this world.

God gives us a body of flesh in which to live on this earth that is suited to our life and living here. Death gives us a transition to another state of being where in full-orbed in consciousness one lives on. We need to get over to the people the fact that we do not bury people. We simply inter the mortal house they have vacated.

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DR. L. B. COBB, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Union, Miss.

Dr. Cobb knows the EVERY FAMILY plan works. Union is one of the more than 400 churches that have adopted it.

FROM ONE WHO KNOWS BY EXPERIENCE

Dear brother Goodrich:

A number of weeks ago you requested a paragraph or so regarding my experience as well as opinion of the "EF Plan."

To say I am "sold" on it is to put it mildly. IT IS A NECESSITY FOR CARRYING OUT A WELL-BALANCED AND WORTHWHILE PROGRAM OF CHURCH ACTIVITY. (Caps ours.) I felt myself quite fortunate in being called to a pastorate where my predecessor had very wisely led in the adopting of the "EF" plan, and wrote to the editor of the Baptist paper of my native state, Oklahoma, to that effect soon after coming to this splendid field of service.

The Lord is blessing our work here at Union, and we are looking forward to great victories in His name and feel that the Baptist Record will have a definite part in bringing this about.

OTHERS BESIDE BAPTISTS (caps ours) read the Baptist Record here at Union and even the clerks at the post office know that Thursday is the day when the Baptist Records arrive.

WE KEEP ABREAST WITH BAPTIST ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE BAPTIST RECORD. (There is no other way to keep abreast.—A.L.G.)

—Lawrence B. Cobb, Pastor, Union, Miss.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST RURAL CHURCHES

J. N. Barnette

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An editorial in The Baptist Standard of May the ninth relative to the present discussion on rural Baptist churches is timely.

The rural churches are a vital part of the great group of Southern Baptist churches. Every effort should be made to weld Southern Baptist churches, all of them, into a common task. If the rural churches are segregated, the tendency may be toward division and non-participation.

Does the Southern Baptist Convention need a Department of Rural Church Work? Do the state mission boards need Departments of Rural Church Work? It does not seem logical. One is inclined to ask what is the work of the present state mission departments. For example, if a Department of Rural Church Work should be established in Mississippi, what would the state mission secretary and those associated with him do? The same thing would be true in other states. Is it not a fact that a Department of Rural Church Work would retard and confuse the splendid work now being done by the regular agencies? Is it not true that the present departments of state mission work in cooperation with the Southwide agencies and the district associations can most effectively and economically render every possible help to the rural churches?

If any one thinks these rural churches have been neglected he has but to get the facts. For example, take North Carolina. Each year for ten years special associational conferences have been held relative to stewardship, the every member canvass, and a study of church budgets. Each year preachers' schools have been held and the expenses of one or more pastors from each association paid. During the past ten years an association-wide Sunday school enlargement campaign has been conducted in nearly every association in North Carolina. The churches, regardless of size or location, were not only invited but urged to participate. The same thing is true of the Baptist Training Union work. Every church, regardless of size or location, has had the offer of special help with any and every phase of its work. The state mission leadership in Texas has created a statewide spirit of unity and active participation that is marvelous and has had much to do with the amazing gains in every phase of Baptist work in that great state. The gains in the rural churches have been as great as those in the urban churches (1939 Southern Baptist Handbook, pages 285-292). Other states have programs just as extensive and effective.

It is generally known by now that the state Sunday school and Training Union departments, in cooperation with the Baptist Sunday School Board, have plans already made to hold a special meeting in each association in the South during the early part of 1941.

If the establishment of a Department of Rural Church Work with a Southwide board or with the state mission boards would tend to segregate and separate the rural churches from Southern Baptist life and work, then the loss would be irreparable to the rural churches, to the denomination, and to all of our agencies.

The rural Baptist churches should be given deserved recognition. The majority of these rural churches have made and are now making splendid progress.

Sixty-five per cent of the present urban Southern Baptist church members came originally from rural churches, and 75 per cent of the present urban pastors came from the rural churches.

There are more rural Baptist churches now than ever before, 22,442 of them at the present time.

The rural Baptist churches are larger now than ever before. In 1923 their average church membership was 99, while in 1939 the average membership had climbed to 140. The list of 4,296 churches given in the 1939 Southern Baptist Handbook (pages 242-294) that baptized one person for every ten or fewer members for 1938 are nearly all rural churches.

The rural Baptist churches should be given de-

served recognition by placing some of the rural pastors and rural laymen on the Southwide boards and Southwide committees.

Some rural churches are not growing, giving, or baptizing, but they are the exception and not in any way typical of the majority of the Southern Baptist rural churches. Some urban churches are not growing, giving, or baptizing, but they are not typical of the great urban churches. It is stated that the rural Baptist churches are dying. Are they? Almost without exception where churches, whether rural or urban, have disbanded it has been because the people for one reason or another had moved away.

It seems logical that it will be much better in every way for Southern Baptists to strengthen the present agencies that are now working so effectively with all Southern Baptist churches than it will be to establish another agency that would tend to separate these splendid rural churches from the regular work of Southern Baptists.

The most effective and the most economical means of aiding the rural churches or urban churches is through functioning associational organizations. Dr. J. B. Lawrence said twenty years ago: "Southern Baptists will never enlist their churches in denominational programs, no matter what those programs are, until they get back to the district associational and make it a real functioning body in Baptist affairs." Dr. George W. Truett wisely says: "The association is an incomparable agency for magnifying the fellowship and the cooperative service of the local churches. It has long been the glory of our cooperative work throughout the Southland, and there can be no adequate substitute for the association."

In place of multiplying commissions and committees to point out weaknesses that we are keenly conscious of already, will it not be better to help the capable state mission secretaries and the noble workers associated with them and our 910 associational moderators to organize and utilize the district associations for the regular promotion of every phase of Baptist work in the present churches and for the building of additional churches wherever they are needed?

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CHRIST'S SECOND COMING FORETOLD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

W. L. Howse

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Jude the servant of the Lord, the brother of James, wrote to Christian people concerning the "common salvation" urging an honest, earnest contention "for the faith once delivered to the saints." He warns against certain men crept in unawares denying the Lord Jesus.

Jude wrote his epistle the latter part of the first century and after the passing of many of his personal fellow followers of the Lord.

Christ has already returned to the Father with his completed plan of human redemption. The first century Christians believed in and looked for the speedy return of the Lord and some of them grew careless over the delay. Jude in his epistle quotes Enoch the seventh from Adam who prophesied saying, "Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints to execute judgment upon all and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." Jude vv. 14:15.

Moses viewing the Promised Land said, "The Lord came from Sinai and rose up from Seir unto them. He shined forth from Mt. Paran and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them." Deut. 33:2. Moses is here foretelling of some future event beyond the Canaan conquest. He has already declared in his writings Deut. 18:15 "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren like unto me, unto him ye shall harken."

Jesus and Moses appear in the transfiguration scene who with Elias hold conference concerning the Saviour's suffering for sinners. And here in

Deut. 33:2 God reveals to Moses the final consummation of all things.

Daniel interpreting the king's dream of the great image foretells of the final judgment.

The great image is totally destroyed by the stone cut out of the mountainside.

Daniel chapter two, Jesus refers to the stone which the builders rejected as becoming the head of the corner. M. 21:42, Mk. 12:10, Luke 20:17.

Christ's earthly ministry created a current that will flow on until all nations and people are brought into complete subjection to him. For he must reign even beyond the conquering of all his enemies.

So Daniel 7:9-10. "I beheld till the thorns were cast down and the ancient of days did sit whose garments were as white as snow and the hair of his head like the pure wool, his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth before him; thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the judgment was set and the books were opened." Daniel saw in the night vision of one like the Son of man in the clouds of heavens to have dominion and glory and a kingdom with all peoples and nations and languages worshiping and serving him. Dan. 7:13, 14.

Jesus himself reminded the people that he, the Son of Man, comes in the glory of his Father with his angels he shall reward every man according to his works. M. 16:17.

John exiled on Patmos for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ had the personal privilege of a private interview with his Lord. Rev. 1:17. "Behold he cometh with clouds and every eye shall see him and they that pierced him."

Isaiah sees the Christ the coming one and says of him, His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Isa. 9:6. Isaiah's prophecy interpreted with warnings to the people and songs of praise to God closes his message declaring, "Behold the Lord will come with fire and his chariots like a whirlwind to render his anger with fury and his rebukes with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh and the slain of the Lord shall be many." Isa. 66:15-16.

In Isaiah's first prophecy Christ is the Wonderful Saviour, the Prince of Peace. Here in this last statement he is the master of Vengeance meeting out justice to all. Paul refers to the coming of the Lord, 2 Th. 7:8, "And to you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

So therefore, we are entitled to this conclusion. Every true lover of the Lord and faithful honest seeker after the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, through the Holy Spirit can discover the Lord Jesus in both the Old and New Testaments as Saviour of the soul and the Lord of the life.

And that he is coming in like manner as he went away with uplifted hands of benediction upon those who love him and with burning wrath against the vile and the wicked unbelievers. He who came the first time and put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, will appear the second time without sin unto salvation to all who look for him with proper heart preparation and true surrendered life service.

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I was with Pastor J. H. Avery and his lovable people at Highland Church, Meridian, for eight days during the city-wide campaign of eight great days. Pastor Avery has done a remarkably effective and spiritual work in the two years of his Highland ministry. I feel sure that his people are surpassed by none in Christian courtesy and kindness. During all my ministry I have never worked with more enjoyment with any pastor, served a more lovable and spiritual people nor had more genuinely pleasing results. Fellowship with the Meridian Baptists was delightful indeed.—O. A. Davis, Clanton, Ala.

EDITORIALS

THE FIFTH COLUMN

Since the fighting in Europe extended to Norway and later into Holland and Belgium, we have seen a great deal in the secular press about the "Fifth Column." This phrase has come to be accepted as the designation of people in the invaded country who were agents of the enemy. They may have been people who were planted there by the enemy, the Germans, in preparation for the day when fighting would begin. Or they were inhabitants of the invaded country who had been bribed or seduced in some way to aid the invading enemy to the confusion and destruction of the country of which they were supposed to be subjects or citizens. They were the most effective agents working in the interest of the invaders. And as they were the most effective they are the most dangerous and despised. Those speaking of them designate them as Benedict Arnolds and Judas Iscariots. They are classed as among the lowest and most despised of men.

In the past week multitudes of our people have been studying the Sunday school lesson, and reading the selections of scriptures for daily reading, about false prophets, about religious leaders who mislead the people and deceive them about the teaching of the word of God. There are people who are honestly mistaken in the interpretation of the word of God. These have a fearful account to give to God. But it is not about these that we now speak, as belonging to the "Fifth Column."

These last are rather people who for personal gain or some selfish advantage have assumed the office of prophet, preacher or teacher and deceive if possible the very elect. The Old Testament has a great deal to say about such false prophets. And if all in the New Testament that warns against them were removed, a considerable part would be left out. Jesus denounced them in burning words on his last visit to Jerusalem. Read the twenty-third chapter of Matthew. And don't be too fastidious to listen to what He says, and believe every word of it. Peter, when he was filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost charged them with the murder of Jesus. And Paul said if they preached any other gospel than he preached (and they did) let them be anathema. And Peter warns against them in both his epistles. They "privily" introduced "destructive heresies." They are what in Indiana and Illinois were called "copperheads" during the civil war.

These are people who seek to undermine the faith of simple souls in the word of God, to destroy the foundations on which the Christian faith is built, to produce confusion and uncertainty in the minds of the saints. In many countries in Europe today people like this are being rounded up, put into concentration camps, or prisons, or even shot. Peter says of them: "Whose sentence now from of old lingereth not, and their destruction slumbereth not."

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East Jackson: We are having a great meeting led by Home Board Evangelist Percy Ray and singer James Foster. Services are held each day at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.—Frank Robbins, Pastor.

Members of Clinton church were asked by East Side Church, Jackson, to furnish a council for examining Mr. Bill Bailey as to his qualifications for the ministry. About eight ordained ministers met Monday afternoon at the Clinton church, among them Dr. M. O. Patterson, Pastor J. W. Middleton, Rev. Percy Ray, the editor, and four ministerial students. P. I. Lipsey presided and led in the examination. The examination proved entirely satisfactory and very gratifying. Bro. Bailey is a first year student in Mississippi College. He comes from Union Church in Panola County and from a family of devout people. He will be ordained by the East Side Church, just across Pearl River from Jackson.

YOU—WE—TOGETHER

Ephesians 2:1-10

In this second chapter of Paul's letter to the Ephesians he gives expression again, as he will repeatedly, to the unity of Jewish and Gentile believers. This he does by showing that they were in the same class or category by nature, that is children of wrath; and that they are in the same condition now by grace as children of God. They have the same need of salvation and the same experiences in coming into this salvation.

In verse one he says, "And you." In the third verse he says, "We also." As we said in a previous article, this is an epistle to the Gentiles, by the apostle to the Gentiles. Paul had a double ministry, to make the gospel known to the Gentiles, and to make known to the Jews the mystery, the hitherto unrevealed secret, that the Gentiles were included in the saving purpose and grace of God.

You will notice that the words "did he make alive" in verse one are in italics. That means that they are not a part of the original text. But the translators to make the meaning plain anticipated what is said in verse five, namely, "made us alive," and "raised us up," and "made us sit," these three of which we speak later.

He first tells of the identical condition in which all are found by nature, both Jews and Gentiles. They were both in sin. In his epistle to the Romans, Paul dwells at length on this fact, taking at least two chapters, one and two, for it. Here he sums it up in few words. He describes the Gentiles, "you," as "dead through your trespasses and sins." They were insensible to God, unconscious of his claim, unresponsive to his will. They walked in sin, all their activities were enveloped in it and dominated by it. Their life was "according to the course of this world," in line with the age in which they lived and not in reference to the will of God. And so they walked according to the prince of the powers of the air, the evil spirit the devil, who still dominates the present world order. Men do well to learn that it is either submission to the will of God or dominance by Satan. Those who serve Satan are called "sons of disobedience."

But the Jews are not different. Paul speaking for converted Jews says, "We also once lived in the lusts of the flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath even as the rest." The worst injury a good cause can suffer is from those who have been specially favored and who profess loyalty to it. Because of them the name of God was blasphemed every day. Sinners denounce God because those who profess to believe in Him live ungodly lives.

But where sin abounded grace did much more abound and "God being rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us" did three things for us, for us all, Jew and Gentile alike, (1) He made us alive, (2) He raised us up, (3) He seated us at His right hand.

But we miss the whole meaning of this paragraph if we do not notice with particular emphasis the word **together**. And that is the word which the translators have almost ignored. They use the word "with," and they add the word "him," making it read "raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him," when the word him is not there.

Paul is speaking of the unity of believers, Jew and Gentile. And he says God has made us alive **together**. He has raised us up **together**, and he has seated us **together**. He has bound us together in the common and essential experiences and fortunes, hopes and expectations of the Christian life. They are one and inseparable, because of these experiences. When these experiences are realized, there can be no longer separations and antagonisms.

For the translation "made us alive together with Christ" the margin of the American Revision gives us "in Christ," which fits in with the whole context and with the whole epistle. All our experiences are "in Christ." That phrase "in Christ" runs through the whole epistle and is particular-

ly significant. But Paul's idea is to weld the diverse elements or races in the kingdom of God into one; or rather to enable them to realize their oneness in Christ, where there can be neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, male nor female, for they all have the identical experiences, life and destiny. Geographical and racial lines do not interfere with this unity.

Notice carefully what these experiences are: **quicken together, raised together, seated together.** Made alive by the Spirit of God, brought out from all association with the old life or leaving a dead world behind us. And following the experience of Jesus, made to sit together; which means nothing less than being enthroned, being made kings.

Only in this way could he show in the ages to come the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us. These earthly experiences are only the gateway to others, the beginning, the foretaste of what is to come, of what is to continue with expanding fullness throughout all the ages. What we get here is only indicative of the eternal purpose of God. "We know not what we shall be." "Mercy shall be built up forever."

I know not, Oh I know not
What joys await me there
What radiance of glory
What bliss beyond compare.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT APPOINTS BISHOPS

Paul was returning from his last missionary journey of which we have any record. He was on his way to Jerusalem. He passed by Ephesus where he had labored successfully for three years. But from the nearby seaport of Miletus he sent for the elders (presbyters) of the church at Ephesus, that he might give them his final word of admonition. He knew he would never see them again, and for this reason he spoke and they listened with pained attention.

We are discussing here only a few words of that address: "Take heed to yourselves, and to all the flock in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops (overseers), to feed (shepherd) the church of God which he purchased with his own blood." Of special concern is the word about the Holy Spirit making them bishops.

Several things need to be pointed out. First is the names by which these men are called. They are called elders or presbyters; also bishops or overseers; also they are virtually called pastors or shepherds, for they are told to feed (or rather shepherd) the flock. It is plain that these offices were the same: elders, bishops, pastors. It is easy to understand why. Our word pastor is the Latin word meaning shepherd. A pastor is of course a shepherd. His business is to look after the flock, the church of God. He is concerned primarily for their safety, and not for his own interest. Remember what Jesus said about himself as the good shepherd, as contrasted with the men that are mere hirelings, John 10. And read what Peter says in his first epistle about the elders tending the flock of God not by force and not for hire, for the money in it. I P. 5:2-3. And Paul in this address to the Ephesian elders warns against those who should appear at Ephesus, speaking perverse things and drawing away the flock after them.

They are called elders because they were chosen from among mature men, not novices, not people without developed Christian experience and matured judgment. The Greek word is presbyters, and the Latin word is senators.

Here they are called bishops or overseers, people who supervised or superintended the work to be done in the church. They were not to do it all themselves, but to see that it was done. There are people who believe a pastor has mighty little to do. And there are people who believe a foreman on a job has little to do. But one of the most important and sometimes difficult tasks is that of the overseer or bishop whose business is to see that the work is done, and that it is done right.

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Revised Version correctly substitutes in for over: "The flock in which, not over which, the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops." There is a distinction with a difference.

Another thing not to be overlooked is that Paul speaks of the church as God's church, or the church of God. It is his special concern and possession and heritage. And God is evidently identified as one with the Lord Jesus, for he says, "The church of God which he purchased with his own blood."

But what is of most interest to us in this study is that Paul says the Holy Spirit made or appointed or placed these men as bishops. Men may have had a part in the selection of these men and doubtless did, but God so superintended and directed all concerned in their election to this office that it was indeed the appointment of God. Otherwise they would have no fitness for it, no claim on it, no authority in it, and could not expect the blessing of God upon their labors.

There is no lesson which our people more need to learn than this. If they will seek the will of God and desire it to be done and submit to it as it is revealed it will save us much confusion and weakness. Many churches are delayed in finding a pastor, because they do not seek first the will of God. In some there are divisions and soreness because they sought not the will of God, but insisted on their own will. It is a thing that many of us on the outside would do well to let alone. It is possible to understand how suspicious churches become of "recommendations." Many of them are efforts to help a friend rather than to promote the work of the kingdom. Honest desire to do the will of God would save the churches much confusion and regret and loss. If we wait on the Lord he will reveal his will. It is His church which he purchased with his own blood, and he is much concerned for its welfare and in all of its work.

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Dr. Roland Leavell, superintendent of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga., assisted by Felix Arnold, pastor's assistant of the First Baptist Church, Winston Salem, North Carolina, held a revival in the Leland Baptist Church May 5-15. Their ministry of preaching and song was greatly appreciated and the spiritual life of the church was strengthened. The entire city was blessed by this meeting.

Brother W. L. Shoemaker reports a red letter day financially at Clara last Sunday. The church is ably led by Pastor J. I. Hill who teaches the Lord's method of financing. There were 98 present and an offering of \$66.00 plus. Most of the offerings are made through the Sunday school. An offering from Mother's Day of \$30.00 plus went to the Orphanage. Some of the B. T. U. groups are preparing an excursion to the coast.

To the members of Bala Chitto church, Pike County: Your pastor is sending each family in the church The Baptist Record. It is the desire of your pastor that you make it a habit to read your Record each week that you might keep up with the activities of our other churches in Mississippi. I trust that you will enjoy it and that it will mean much to you in the future.—H. A. Hunderup, Jr., Pastor.

The annual entertainment in the Leland Baptist Church, honoring the young people of the church and especially the members of the senior class of the high school, was a Sweetheart Banquet given on May 17. A hundred guests were present. The pastor, Dr. James B. Leavell, served as toastmaster. The sweetheart theme was carried out in the decorations and program. The speaker of the evening was Cliff Harris of Pineville, Louisiana, a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

Pontotoc Baptists are mapping plans for a special Homecoming Day on Sunday, June 9, the special service to be a climax to a church-wide loyalty crusade, which is now in the ninth week. A special committee has been appointed by the pastor, Dr. B. B. Hilbun, to assist in the Homecoming Day program. Increased attendance in all departments of the church work, with additions nearly every Sunday have been made during the loyalty campaign.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b ("Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe.")

HONOR ROLL OF CHURCHES SENDING PASTORS TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Concord Church, Franklin—Adams Association—Rev. H. P. Porter, Pastor.
Blue Mountain, J. S. Riser, Jr., Pastor.
Calvary, (Tupelo), S. B. Cooper, Pastor.

MABEN

Rev. Van Hardin who recently graduated at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with the degree of B. D. is the pastor at Maben. The people and pastor are working together in a fine way. Last year a new roof was put on the church and a Butane heating system installed. M. C. Dalton is leading the Sunday school to do good work. The W. M. U. is led by Mrs. Ella Gable and the W. M. U. is one of the prides of the Maben Baptists.

Pastor Hardin hopes soon to have the EVERY FAMILY plan adopted at Maben.

Oktibbeha County has subscribers listed as follows: Maben 6, LONGVIEW 30, STURGIS 46, Wake Forest 1, MORGAN CHAPEL 31, Starkville 11, Bethesda 1, State College 2.

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Dear brother Goodrich:

I received both your statements this month. Have been down and not able to work. Sorry I just can't pay for the paper. I told you my condition last fall. I enjoy reading your paper very much but if you can't see your way clear to send it on all I can say is you will have to drop me from the roll. I'm in my 85th year. I am sick the greater part of the time. Will go by asking God's blessing on you and His cause.

Lovingly your brother,

(Won't some more prosperous Baptist send the Record to this man?—A.L.G.)

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BRANDON

Rev. H. W. Roberson is the new pastor at Brandon and from what the deacons told us they like him. Plans have been made for the immediate erection of 8 Sunday School rooms. The parsonage has been remodeled at a cost of several hundred dollars. Their church loyalty campaign begins Sunday, June 2 and closes on Sunday, August 4th. The revival with the pastor preaching begins August 4. G. A. Harrison is Sunday School Superintendent and is delighted at the progress being made. Last Sunday the attendance reached 169. The B.T.U. is also growing under the directorship of Mrs. Sullivan. Mrs. Vester Sharpe is W.M.U. president and all organizations are making progress.

We were invited to attend the deacons' meeting partake of the supper and present the EVERY FAMILY Plan. We did all three and our grade on the supper was 100. The deacons have recommended the EVERY FAMILY Plan and the pastor expects the church to adopt it next Sunday.

Rankin County now has subscribers listed as follows: Richland 42; Antioch 21; Clear Branch 40; Clear Creek 8; Mt. Creek 6; Puckett 2; Star 2; Barefoot 18; Johns 1; Concord 45; Pearson 15; Pelahatchie 63; Steens Creek (Florence) 68; Whitfield 4; Briar Hill 35; Goshen Springs 3; Sand Hill 1; Oakdale 11; Route 2, Brandon 1; Brandon 6; Cato 47; Leesburg 72.

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THE RECORD IS HIS SPIRITUAL ROAD MAP

Dear Brother Goodrich:

I am sending one dollar for that much renewal to my Baptist Record.

It is just as needful to me in my work as a road map is to a tourist. It keeps me on the right denominational road. It points to the straight and narrow, and warns of the detours into sin.

Yours truly,

M. C. Waldrop,
Route 2, McComb.

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EVERY FAMILY PLAN AND LOYALTY CRUSADE HELD

Dear Brother Goodrich:

We have had the EVERY FAMILY Plan in our church at Glendale for about four months. I believe our people are reading the Record and enjoying it very much. We are also in the midst of our "Church Loyalty Crusade," and I believe our church is at the highest point in interest, loyalty and spirituality that it has reached during the three years and eight months I have been its pastor.

I think that the "Every Family Plan" and "the Loyalty Crusade" are largely responsible for this fact.

L. C. Holcomb, Pastor.

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HELP THIS WOMAN

Dear Editor: I regret having my name dropped from your mailing list. Many thanks to my friend that sent my subscription one year to me. I enjoyed reading the paper. Have been reading the Record 50 years or more. Am going to renew my subscription as early as I can. I think every church would have the EVERY FAMILY Plan. So much information from it and keeps the Baptist doctrine in our souls and hearts.

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Tabernacle Church, Greenville, has five B. T. U's with 83 enrolled. Recently 41 diplomas were given to those who took the study course, closing with a social at the church for all. There is an average attendance of 75%. Mrs. Gayle Jackson is general secretary. The church is growing every day under the leadership of Pastor and Mrs. J. R. Eubanks. The building put up less than two years ago has had to be enlarged. E. F. Churches "do move."

Buck Branch Church (Pearl River County) had splendid Sunday school and worship services Sunday, the largest crowds in a long while. The "E. F. Plan" is helping. Pastors that have the E. F. Plan like it. Those who haven't tried it just don't know.—Eli Callahan, Pastor.

Clear Branch: Our church is grateful for the progress of the past year. The B.T.U. has all five organizations; the Sunday school is prospering and our prayer meeting precedes Sunday school. Our people are learning to tithe.—Mrs. U. S. Bridges.

This is typical of E. F. Churches.

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Missionary M. T. Rankin sails August 9 returning to his work in China. His wife and daughter follow September 20.

Ripley: Rev. James B. Parker, pastor at Ripley has been called to Hernando as successor to the late Rev. C. O. Cook. He has not yet announced his decision. The work at Ripley is in good shape with five additions last Sunday. Congregations are the best in a long time. Brother Parker is in his twelfth year at Ripley and hesitates to think of going to another field.

Pastor R. A. Morris reports the ordination of three very promising young men; Kelva Moore, Levon Moore and W. L. Warren. The first finished at Clark College and is now a Junior in Mississippi College. He is pastor at Estis Mill. His brother Levon Moore is finishing at Clarke, and is pastor at Poplar Flatts and Edinburg. Brother Warren is a student in Clarke and pastor of churches in Scott and Clarke counties. All stood very satisfactory examinations. Members of the Examining Council were: Revs. J. E. Wills, H. H. Bethune, Joe Triplett, R. A. Morris, R. A. Herington, H. M. Milner, Alton Gatewood and J. D. Allen. Pastor Morris led in the examination. J. E. Wills give the charge to the candidate, and H. H. Bethune led the prayer.

AN APPEAL TO THE CHURCHES AND THE MINISTRY TO MEET THE MIGHTY CHALLENGE OF THE TRAGIC MODERN MORAL BREAKDOWN

A. D. Muse, Evangelist

2160 Nelson, Memphis, Tenn.

A great Baptist layman, high in the business world, and regarded in all the South for his aggressive leadership in his own church and the whole denomination said to me recently, "The ministry is defeated today. It has lost its holy militancy that once made the forces of evil tremble. Legalized sin and organized crime have always charged every preacher that has given himself to the raising of the standards of moral decency as 'being in politics' and the ministry is afraid to bear that accusation today." A very spiritual layman, a man of mature years, experience and grace, and I were discussing the present awful breakdown. I asked him, "My brother as a banker and as a religious leader, what is your estimate of the present outlook?" He said, "We have a defeatist ministry. The ministry has lost its fighting spirit. The ministry is afraid from some cause to speak up and speak out. We can't get out when we have that kind of leadership." If you disagree with those two laymen, that is your privilege. But they are both strong men. They live hundreds of miles apart and have never met each other. They have a reason for their opinions. We should be willing to let the laymen preach to us some. We would be better preachers if we would listen to them some times and not flinch under it.

We have passed through a period when the man who attempted to lift his voice in strong protest against evil was pronounced a radical. We have passed through a period when custom has caloused the conscience against the conditions that have prevailed. We have passed through a period when for the minister to be popular with everybody in the community was counted as a mark of power. It has been a period of "like people like priest." Exceptions? Yes! Thank God!

In the great days of the past, Bishop Galloway, Dr. J. B. Gambrel, old brother A. A. Lomax, other mighty men who stood up and fought sin and fought it hard, fought it from the pulpit and fought it in private, fought it in the huskings and fought it in the legislatures, fought it in the pastorates and fought it in revivals. I remember the days when brother J. P. Williams and others had to guard the home of brother L. D. Posey in south Mississippi because of his terrible and manly and mighty and crushing blows from his pulpit and in the press on sin and big sinners. Let L. G. Gates tell you how he sat on the side of his bed and dared not turn on the light, expecting a mob because of his mighty stand up fight against sin. Let the same spirit of holy courage that brother Posey and L. G. Gates have, that dear J. P. Williams, J. B. Gambrel, Bishop Galloway and A. A. Lomax, yes and others had, grip and hold every minister in the southland today. Let us all go afield in militant crusade for the holy cause of righteousness and against unrighteousness and you will see the tides of sin turn back, beer gardens, road houses, crooked policemen, corrupt politicians all put to flight. The biggest coward in the world is a high handed sinner. They won't put up a fight when they know you mean business for the Lord. The biggest sinner in the country has a sneaking notion that the Lord is with that preacher. He may shoot you in the back—but seldom—but he will never do it to your face! I have never known the wicked to make an attack on a preacher single handed. They always double team! I have held nearly seven hundred meetings in 19 states. I say that humbly and gratefully! I have never made a stand up fight on sin and Satan, that the Holy Spirit did not put His blessings and power upon the work. He is the HOLY Spirit. Can we expect His presence, blessings and power if we countenance unholy living? Every great moral breakdown has been turned back by great revivals. Every great revival has come as a result of the leaders preaching about the sins people were com-

mitting then! You can take the modern educational, organizational and promotional set-up of the churches, and work groups, and by manipulation and smooth management, in two weeks time have twenty to seventy-five people to join the church, call it a great meeting! But you know, I know, the people know and the devil knows it is not a revival! And there is no man in the land who believes more than I do in the spiritual value of a well organized church for purposes of using, developing and growing our members, reaching multitudes of people with the word of God. Those things have their place! But I tell you old time John Wesley, George Whitefield, Charles Finney, Sam Jones, Billy Sunday, preaching about sin, sins, sinners, hell, eternal, terrible, dreadful certain hell until Holy Ghost conviction of hard-hearted sinners takes place, had a place than can never be displaced nor substituted! In the Memphis Baptist ministers' conference some time ago, Dr. A. U. Boone, pastor of the Baptist Hospital, stood up to give report of a meeting conducted in the hospital chapel by Dr. Yates. Dr. Boone began, "We had a good meeting, but not having any junior department we did not get many joiners."

There are some things the experiences of 18 years of evangelistic work has proven. Some of these I want to pass on. The Lord knows my heart. He knows every line written this morning is written out of a heavy heart. He knows every line written this morning is written out of a heart that is greatly humbled before Him and a spirit that is subdued and stilled! He knows that at many points the tears have welled up in my eyes this morning as I have written! He knows there is not a boastful vein in my heart this morning!

One thing that never fails, strong preaching about sins always meets opposition from within the church and always from some most surprising source. I never launch a meeting but I ask God earnestly to give me the "discerning of spirits." I have seen some of the greatest miracles at that point—unbelievable things. I have seen God reveal ahead of time just where opposition was going to come from and just the nature of it. Every great moral breakdown from the time that "The sons of God took to themselves wives of the daughters of men" to the present, has been brought on by the people of God going into unholy alliances with the world! There has never been a prophet from God but the false professors in unholy alliance wanted to put him to death!

Another thing that never fails; great preaching about sins and sinners — sins and sinners within and without—always, never fails to grow a great crowd! I have never seen it fail! I have seen it look like it was going to fail. I have seen the pastors become awful blue. But brother, I can say it humbly, I have never held a great campaign that did not cost from one to three nights in succession with out ceasing, in all night prayer! Here is my confidence: if I will stay in desperate supplication unto God, and stay right on the unvarying line of preaching the horribleness of sin, the terrors of hell, the power of the Holy Spirit to convict sinners, and never cease the one eternally central thing, the substitutionary death of Christ for sinners souls in salvation, God is going to deliver! Printers ink won't draw crowds to a revival. Sensational and catchy announcements won't draw crowds! That is all carnality! But you pray and preach and pray and preach until the Holy Spirit gets hold and starts His work and you will have all the crowds you need!

Here is another thing I have learned. We can't have great, mighty spiritual upheavals and moral awakenings in any little two weeks meeting. The great meetings of my own experience, meetings that have shaken the very centers of things and stirred all the forces of wickedness and brought many strong men into the Kingdom have run from four to seven weeks. It takes time today! And there is our peril again. The churches and pastors are all so full with a year round, planned in advance program, and just two weeks set out

here for a meeting, and they have to get that off and get on to the next item on the program! The thing I am talking about takes time!

Here is another thing: I believe in the city-wide, all-church cooperative tabernacle campaigns. I said to Mr. Rodeheaver, "As you look back now from the maturity of years and richness of spiritual character these years have brought to you, upon the great Sunday campaigns, what is your honest evaluation of them?" He looked at me. His lips quivered. Tears came just slipping into his eyes. He said "Brother Muse, the great Sunday campaigns are the only thing that held us back from what we have now as long as we were held back." When I was pastor in Vicksburg we had E. J. Bulgin there in a great tabernacle campaign. Some time before that was the great Gipsy Smith campaign in Jackson. One day I was returning from fishing south of town. Two young men were standing beside the road. I picked them up. I did not reveal my identity! I asked them where they had been. They said they lived in Jackson. The Gipsy Smith campaign had made it hard to get whiskey so they came over to Vicksburg and the Bulgin meeting had done the same thing there. They heard there was a man down there below town where they could get it. I said "Did you get it?" They said, "No, h— he is converted too."

A PASTOR'S DESIRE

It is the desire of the one writing this article to do God's work in the best way possible but many times I can't do my best work. Many times I have spent my little salary in taking some one to the doctor or hospital (which is our duty and privilege) and the grocery bill or doctor bill of my family can not be paid.

Some time the car payment has to go over to another month or maybe a break down has been my lot, the car must be repaired. But where will the money come from?

You say I do not preach one time as well as I have at another. Why? It may be a great burden of debt or some other problem is on my shoulder—I can't study as well. I am not myself physically because of worry.

You say I should attend all of the pastors' conferences, B. Y. P. U., W. M. U. and other church meetings, to be better informed. I should but I do not have the money to do so.

I would be glad to attend the Southern Baptist Convention and the State Convention but maybe I can't because the salary does not allow me to buy the clothes for my wife and myself.

Do you ever think of us in your prayers? The one writing may be your pastor. He needs your support in prayer, financially and otherwise. Talk to me some time in a heart-to-heart talk and you might find out something that would surprise you.

So you might think of your pastor, he has many problems also.

Pray for me.

—A Country Preacher.

On May 12, J. N. McMillin, pastor at Louisville, baptized four young people, and on May 19, eleven more were baptized. There are frequent additions at the regular services. Beginning June 23 the church will hold a series of services. Dr. Norman W. Cox will preach throughout the meeting. The church is hoping and praying for a real revival. In the meeting Rufus K. Broadway of Jackson will be the song leader. It is expected that a Vacation Bible school will be held beginning June 10 to continue two weeks.—J.N.M.

In "Who's Who" of contemporary public personalities, Mr. Myron C. Taylor is called "Ambassador to the Vatican." This is supposed to be Mr. Taylor's own classification of himself. There is no use for any such subterfuges as that the appointment of Mr. Taylor "not inaugurating diplomatic relations with the Vatican." We have had enough and too much of such playing with words. Diplomacy is sometimes called the most artful way of concealing the truth. Let's get back to the shirt sleeve diplomacy of Theo. Roosevelt.

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Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

Worship • Serve • Give

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42.

Win Someone to Him!

I

Mississippi Baptists will be glad to know they wrote large increases in their work the first six months of this Convention year, November-April, inclusive. The gain for all causes in that period stands at \$28,000.00.

Here is the way it happened. The first three months saw a gain of \$19,500.00. Then, \$500 was lost in February and \$1,000 was lost in March. But a gain of \$10,000.00 came along in April.

The last Convention set a goal gain of \$25,000.00 for the year.

Thus it has already been exceeded by \$3,000.00 with six months to go.

Will we hold the ground won? Will we go back? Will we go forward? We believe Mississippi Baptists will write largely in the future in terms of this last question—"Go forward."

Send it in. We will write it up. We will handle it as you request.

Doxology!

II

(1) It was a real treat to be with Pastor A. C. Parker, his family, and his folks at Petal-Harvey in six-day revival. Brother Parker has the pastor heart, keeps going and keeps his people busy and the Lord seems to make them happy. Seventeen additions, twelve for baptism.

The brethren knew I had been a bit pressed so they "made" me go fishing. Report later. Thanks to Fred Wilson, et al.

(2) Had good day with Pastor J. B. Flowers, Winona. Two splendid congregations. Out to Scotland for the afternoon service—house filled. Gave away much literature. Things on the advance up there.

Brother Flowers had completed a sermon series on "Snakes." "The Snake that talked too much." "The Snake that went to see a King." "The Snake that Saved a Nation." "The Snake that Bit a Horse." Sounds interesting.

(3) Attending N. E. Mississippi Bible Conference, Fulton, brother Overton, sponsor. Long drive but he had invited us before and we couldn't go at the time. House about filled. Many pastors. Good program. Fine fellowship.

III

A little while ago a professor in a college asked the writer, before a group, if he believed in the Bible as the word of God. That was an easy one to answer aloud in the affirmative.

Then, the teacher proceeded to try to make the whole thing look ridiculous.

We turned to the group stating that there is nothing in true science that contradicts anything true to religion and vice versa. Truth is truth wherever found.

Much that is called science is utterly unscientific.

Much that is called religion is error.

We like to think of all Truth having its source in God! In Him is no error!

IV

One of our fine pastors recently sat in this office relating the story of a youth from his church. The youth had just come home from junior college. The parents were ready to go to morning Bible school and worship. The youth stated that such had no personal appeal as the science teacher at junior college had found it all to be the "bunk." In fact he had discovered that no outstanding scientists were Christians.

Strange how readily some folks speak of things they know so little about from lack of

revelation and experience.

If it is out of place for denominationalism to be taught in state schools—that suits us—it is certainly out of place for infidelity to be taught.

V

We recently heard a public discussion of "The Minister in a Funeral."

It was agreed that the minister should "preach the Word." He should tell the truth but not necessarily all the known truth.

The deceased can not be helped. He cannot be hurt.

The hearers may be helped or hurt.

The minister's testimony may be helped or hurt.

Long funeral services were discounted. Asking many ministers to participate was also looked upon unfavorably.

The pastor should preside at the service whether he brings the message or not.

It is not a time to "pay up" on grievances or prejudices.

The Lord has some "rights" here.

The family has some "rights" here.

The minister has some "rights" here.

The dead person doesn't know it maybe but likely he has some "rights" also.

VI

Concerning the book "I Dare You" Pastor C. H. Crouch, Dallas, had the following to say:

"Before reading very far I decided to use the title as the subject of a sermon that I delivered to my young people on last Tuesday evening. I am giving you the outline that I used.

I. I DARE YOU TO BE A CHRISTIAN.

(Not merely a professor, but Christlike.

1. In your thinking.

2. In your speaking.

3. In your doing.

II. I DARE YOU TO DO CHRISTIAN THINGS.

(Things that build character.)

1. Read Bible consistently.

2. Pray often and earnestly.

3. Attend religious services regularly.

III. I DARE YOU TO ENTER CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

(Not just to be one of the crowd—pew holder.)

1. Accept a place to work.

2. Make a sacrifice in order to serve.

3. Continue when failure seems your lot.

IV. I DARE YOU TO MAKE THE START NOW.

1. Launch out into the deep.

2. Every moment of delay is perilous.

3. Displeasing to God—Harmful to you.

Upon the delivery of this sermon there were 16 definite decisions and at present all of them have accepted some place of service in our Sunday school work."

BR

Dr. Truett recently said the sole hope of democracy is through students of Christian Educational institutions.

Occasionally a group like the Southern Presbyterians have said this is not the proper time to protest against the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican. Would it be a good time when nobody is thinking about such an appointment, or when the principle of separation of church and state is not threatened? It will be a poor time when such an appointment has become a settled American policy. It is easier to pull up a sprout than a tree.

Spanish Baptists Suffer. Before the triumph of Franco and the Catholic Church in the recent Spanish Civil War, Baptists and other evangelicals had full liberty to preach and worship unhindered. Under the new regime, the harsh and repressive measures always practiced by Rome, have been revived, and Baptist churches are closed. One of our largest churches in Spain has divided its membership into thirteen groups and they are meeting for worship in private homes. More than twenty have been baptized secretly into the fellowship of this church within recent weeks. The Word of God cannot be bound. Rome may close our churches and put the preachers in jail; but she can never imprison the Gospel.—Sec. Charles E. Maddry in the Commission.

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

Slogan: "DON'T PUT IT OFF—PUT IT OVER"

I

Dr. Torrey quoted D. L. Moody as once saying, "Torrey, we will let the other men do the talking and the criticising, and we will stick to the work that God has given us to do, and let Him take care of the difficulties and answer the criticism."

That was the spirit of Nehemiah. Read the book. Also see James, chapter 3. Something there for all of us.

II

We list Certificates as follows:

No. 353 for \$36, member Parkway of Jackson, (Mrs. Harrington, worker).

No. 97 for \$100, No. 100 for \$50, No. 100 for \$100, No. 94 for \$100, No. 95 for \$100, No. 96 for \$100, No. 167 for \$100, No. 98 for \$100, No. 132 for \$50, No. 133 for \$50, No. 293 for \$36, No. 91 for \$100, No. 92 for \$100, No. 93 for \$100, each from a member at Rolling Fork, (McLaurin, field worker).

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No. 291 for \$36, No. 292 for \$36, No. 86 for \$100, No. 88 for \$100, No. 89 for \$100, No. 98 for \$50, No. 99 for \$50, No. 87 for \$100, each from a member at Rome, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 33 for \$50, member Moorhead, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 324 for \$36, No. 325 for \$36, No. 326 for \$36, No. 327 for \$36, No. 328 for \$36, No. 329 for \$36, No. 330 for \$36, No. 41 for \$50, No. 20 for \$100, each from a member of Bethel No. 5, (Hightower, field worker).

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No. 376 for \$36, No. 375 for \$36, each from a member of Black Jack, (Mrs. W. L. Wilson, worker).

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BR

The Derma Baptist Church, has just closed a splendid revival meeting. It began on May 5th, and closed the 10th. Brother B. T. Beckham, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Greenwood, Miss., did the preaching in the meeting. He endeared himself very greatly to the Derma people because of the strong gospel sermons he preached. The attendance was fine, and there were 8 additions to the church. We had our V. B. S. in connection with the revival, and it was excellent even though it was short. Mrs. J. H. Chrestman, was the principal. We regarded the week as one of the most fruitful in the history of the church. We give God all the glory.—C. S. Thomas, Pastor.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

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Neshoba Association		Main Street	56.70	Foxworth	5.00
Coldwater	5.25	Oral	7.25	Hurricane Creek	1.35
Deemer	3.10	Petal	18.60	Improve	5.75
Dixon	3.55	Providence	11.80	Kokomo	5.35
Hope	2.00	Purvis	20.05	North Columbia	6.90
Philadelphia	22.40	Perkinston	4.50	Oloh	2.00
Sardis	4.00	Richberg	2.00	Mississippi Association	
Springs Creek	3.00	Sumrall	3.60	Berwick	9.00
Scott Association		Wiggins	10.65	Centreville	32.10
Forest	79.86	Zion Hill	3.00	Crosby	65.00
Harperville	13.11	Pearl River Association		East Fork	9.85
Lake	25.35	Bethel	5.00	Gillsburg	18.75
Ludlow	3.95	Carriere	5.00	Hebron	5.85
Morton	15.00	Fords Creek	4.91	Gloster	48.00
Liberty	5.00	Goodyear	6.80	Liberty	75.00
Smith Association		Picayune	43.69	Mars Hill	34.35
Goodwater	4.56	Poplarville	50.57	Mt. Olive	15.37
Lorena	3.20	Roseland Park	2.25	Mt. Pleasant	5.00
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Wilkerson Memorial	1.36	Beaumont	2.45	Pike Association	
Raleigh	4.15	Indian Springs	2.00	Friendship	5.85
Covington Association		New Augusta	11.00	East McComb	16.00
Collins	16.00	Richton	13.59	Central McComb	19.85
Mt. Olive	14.00	Union	2.74	Southside	13.15
Sanford	2.25	Wayne Association		Osyka	14.90
Seminary	30.00	Bucatanua	17.20	Navilla	6.60
Greene Association		State Line	11.00	Progress	7.00
Pine Level	3.00	Waynesboro	36.88	Summit	14.60
George Association		Franklin Association		Thompson	2.00
Agricola	10.00	Bude	7.50	Union	1.70
Lucedale	33.05	Hope Well	5.87	Union Association	
Rocky Creek	14.43	McCall Creek	5.85	Fayette	3.50
Barton Chapel	1.50	Meadville	7.80	Port Gibson	4.60
Jackson Association		Natchez	107.25	Union Church	5.15
Kreole	2.56	Roxie	19.00	Unity	5.00
Moss Point	10.00	Jeff Davis Association		Walthall Association	
Ocean Springs	3.00	Antioch	3.20	Crystal Springs	4.25
Pascagoula	54.76	Bethany	10.45	Dinan	3.40
Harrison Association		Bassfield	11.67	Knox	23.90
Bay St. Louis	3.92	Carson	6.00	Lexie	26.65
Biloxi, First	50.16	Old Hebron	6.00	Mesa	3.50
Biloxi, Second	.76	Hepzibah	3.65	New Zion	8.10
Bowen Memorial	10.55	Dublin	2.75	Salem	7.00
Gulfport, First	74.63	Oak Grove	5.60	Tylertown	44.22
Handsboro	1.86	Prentiss	67.48	Union	5.00
Long Beach	5.00	Society Hill	8.00		
Lyman	5.10	Whitesand	8.00		
Bethlehem	11.00	Lawrence Association			
Ellisville	43.00	Antioch	1.00		
Harmony	6.35	Carmel	4.50		
Laurel, First	123.53	Calvary	19.42		
Laurel, South	2.00	Monticello	52.62		
Laurel, 2nd Ave.	30.58	Wanilla	2.00		
Moselle	2.00	Old Silver Creek	.50		
Pinegrove	3.10	Lincoln Association			
Sandersville	5.60	Bogue Chitto	13.00		
Soso	5.56	Brookhaven	231.00		
West Laurel	20.08	Friendship	3.70		
Summerland	9.05	Heuck's Retreat	2.95		
Lebanon Association		Moak's Creek	.75		
Glendale	9.35	Montgomery	2.80		
Green's Creek	1.00	Mt. Moriah	3.50		
Hattiesburg, First	73.07	Mt. Pleasant	3.00		
Hattiesburg, 5th Ave.	41.36	New Prospect	3.84		
Hattiesburg Central	4.25	Pearl Haven	5.00		
Hattiesburg, Emmanuel	22.02	Ruth	5.15		
River Avenue	7.45	Topisaw	.75		
38th Ave.	6.21	Union Hall	5.00		
Lumberton	20.43	Johnston Station	3.00		
Macedonia	4.57	Marion Association			
		Bunker Hill	15.35		
		Columbia, First	53.15		

If you are planning to go to Southern Baptist W. M. U. Convention and want to be enrolled as a delegate send your name to the W. M. U. Office immediately.

Next week I hope to give an account of my recent trip to Cuba and also of our splendid District meetings that have just closed.

Several Star Speakers For W.M.U. Meeting In Baltimore

Sunday, June 9—
 Dr. Leslie B. Moss of New York
 Mrs. W. J. Cox
 Mr. Charles A. Wells of New York
Monday, June 10—
 Miss Joy Homer of New York
 Reach Baltimore in ample time to hear each of these choice speakers and many others. Dr. Moss speaks first at 11 A. M. on Sunday. Mrs. Cox will be gladly heard that afternoon.

Fine day at Seminary Sunday. Six additions at regular morning service, five of them on profession of faith. Presence of the Spirit very evident. Tears were to be seen on many faces. Members are happy with the Every Family plan. Baptized six at Sumrall this month.—T. W. Tallington.

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SCOTT COUNTY

On Sunday afternoon, May 19th,
the county Baptist Sunday School
association met with Liberty Bap-
tist church at 2:30. The Sunday
Schools of the association were rep-
resented by their respective pastors,
superintendents, officers, and teach-
ers, totaling 77 present. A splendid
program was presented by the as-
sociational superintendent, Mr. F.
L. Coker, as follows:

Song.

Prayer—Rev. G. M. Harbin.

Devotional—Mr. B. F. Duncan,
Morton.

Address—"Increasing the Sunday
School Enrollment"—Dr. A. B.
Wood, Forest.

Song.

Address, "Enlisting the Saved in
Service"—Rev. H. D. Jordan,
Morton.

Benediction—Rev. Harry Dayton.

Reelection of Mrs. George Gate-
wood as secretary and the election
of Mr. B. F. Duncan as associate
superintendent completed the list
of officers.

The next meeting will be August
18th with Hebron as host church.

IN MEMORIAM

On April 18th God called from
our midst Mrs. Epsie Williams Lee,
one of our loyal members of the
Woman's Missionary Society of
Whitesand Baptist church.

She was faithful to her family
and friends and devoted to her
church.

Therefore: The members of this
society express the loss of this faith-
ful member.

We therefore: express to the
family and friends our sympathy.
The God of all comfort loves to
comfort those who put their trust
in Him.

Be it resolved: That a copy of
this resolutions be placed in the
records of the society. A copy be
sent to the Baptist Record for pub-
lication, and one be sent to the
bereaved family.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. C. D. Brinson,
Mrs. L. A. Miller,
Mrs. J. B. Stamps.

THE DEACON'S SOLILOQUY

We'll cut that budget down a bit
By leaving missions out,
And show the bosses in this church
We know what we're about.
We all must pay the debts we owe,
Must meet our mortgage notes;
So come to meeting Wednesday
night.

We'll need your voice and votes.

On all this fight for money

They'll have to call a truce,

For Johnnie's motor cycle

Has cost me like the deuce.

The pledge I made to Missions

Will surely have to wait,

For the radio collector

Keeps coming in the gate.

I cannot pay the pastor,

It surely is too bad,

For Jennie's debut party

Took all the cash I had.

The building pledge I'll have to pass,

The poor and orphans too;

The installment on the flivver

The first is coming due.

Through all this talk of tithing

I surely cannot see;

It may be well for others,

It was not meant for me.

I can't live on the ten tenths,

How could I on the nine?

If pastor keeps on preaching this

I'll ask him to resign.

We'll call another preacher

Who'll let us have some peace,

And so reduce expenses,

Instead of an increase.

J. E. Gwatkin.

SECURING ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

Mrs. F. B. Spearman, Clarksdale,
Mississippi

Pray for them—The pastor and
superintendent should pray and lead
the church to pray for workers.

Preach about the need for workers

—It will help for the pastor to

preach occasionally upon the privi-
lege of Christian service; upon the

responsibility of Christian people;

upon the rewards of Christian ser-
vice; and upon the need for more

workers.

Select them from the church roll—

The pastor and superintendent

should take the church roll and care-
fully select prospective workers even

though they have not had experience

it pays to select the best available

persons and then train them for their

work.

Enlist them in definite work—

after a decision has been made to

start a class, the pastor and super-
intendent should take the list of

prospective workers and find the

person best suited for the class.

Then this task should be discussed

and prayed about before this person

is enlisted.

Encourage them to be faithful—

The new workers will need encour-
agement and aid. The pastor and

superintendent will encourage and

help the workers to succeed.

If these five steps are carried

out by the pastor and superinten-
dent they will get the needed work-
ers.

Teacher. "Some fish travel long

distances. Can anyone give me an

instance?"

Pupil. "Yes, sir, a goldfish. It

travels round the globe every day."

IN MEMORY OF MRS. HELEN ANGELINE DOLLAR McCRAW

Mrs. McCraw was born Novem-
ber 17, 1858. Departed this life
March 31, 1940. She was married
to the late John T. McCraw, Feb-
ruary 5, 1880, who preceded her to
the grave just 29 years to the day.

In early life she gave her heart
to the Savior, at the age of 13 she
united with the Goodwater Baptist
church. Later moving her member-
ship to the Neshoba Baptist church
of which she remained a faithful
member until our Heavenly Father
called her Home.

For 5½ years she was an invalid.
Altho she was unable to attend the
services of her church she was al-
ways interested in her Lord's work.
She bore her afflictions with a
Christian fortitude meeting her
friends with a smile.

Weep not dear friends as those
who have no hope in eternal life for
mother is waiting with your Father
on the other shore where there is
no more pain or sorrow.

Therefore be it resolved: That
Neshoba Baptist church has lost
a faithful and consecrated member,
and that a copy of this be sent the
family and one to the Baptist Record
for publication, one on the minutes
of our church record.

Committee:

Mrs. Biddie Boler,

Mrs. Nora Vance,

Mrs. Nora Vevertette.

SONG LEADERS

I have been receiving inquiries
about helpers to sing in meetings
and want to thus commend some
young men as helpers.

J. T. Smith, of Millport, Ala.,
has been a student at Clarke Col-
lege and director of music in New-
ton church for two years. He is very
capable as a leader and soloist.

Joseph Allman is one of our New-
ton boys. He finished Junior Col-
lege at Decatur this week. He sang
for me in two meetings last summer.
He is a good leader, and is one of
the best personal workers and direc-
tors of young people I have ever had.
He has some open dates, and would
like to be busy until school opens.

Troy Prince is a Clarke Minister-
ial student With a splendid voice,
and is a good leader and soloist. He
can also preach. His home is in Lau-
rel and can be reached there.

I can vouch for each of these
young men as to their character
and conduct. I hope the churches
will use them much during the sum-
mer.

R. A. Morris.

Old Gentleman — Why are you
fishing, my boy, when you ought to
be in school?

Boy—There, now! I knew I'd for-
gotten something.

Modern Miss: "Grandmaw, did
you ever flirt when you were
young?"

Grandma: "Yes, dear, I'm afraid I
did."

Modern Miss: "And were you pun-
ished?"

Grandma: "Well, I married your
grandpa."

LORMAN

Rev. H. A. Hundrup, Jr., honored
the oldest and youngest mothers in
the congregation Sunday morning,
May 12, and the service as a whole
was of special interest. During the
evening service Rev. Aron Foy of
Mississippi College led the song ser-
vice.

Under the leadership of our pastor
the work is moving forward. Our
church has shown improvement in
attendance, interest and offerings.
We have had seven additions to the
church by letter during the second
quarter of this year. We urge all
our members to come out and help
because workers are needed.

Dorothy Ainsworth.

BILLY RAY YOUNG

Billy Ray Young who departed
from this life on May 25, 1940 be-
ing a semi-invalid from birth. He
lived seven years and four months.

He was very patient and endur-
ed the pains of his afflictions with-
out complaint until the end. God
in loving mercy spoke to the raging
storm of pain, and said "Peace be
still." He was of a loving disposi-
tion and was greatly beloved. His
going was our loss but Heaven's
gain. He is especially missed by
his parents, one sister and grand-
parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Young.

Richmond, Virginia—(F.M.B.)—
After a safe journey across the At-
lantic, Dr. and Mrs. George Green,
Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, and Rev.
and Mrs. L. R. Brothers, mission-
aries in Nigeria, West Africa, land-
ed in New York, May 17. Dr. and
Mrs. Green are at present in Dan-
ville, Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs.
Powell are in Warsaw, North
Carolina. It is probable that Mr.
and Mrs. Brothers will go immedi-
ately to Florida. The safe passage
of these missionaries across the
Atlantic in these times of such
imminent danger is indeed a cause
for prayers of thanksgiving among
Southern Baptist.

"Do you know Art?"

"Art who?"

"Artesian."

"Sure, I know Artesian well."

"Here we have a wonderfully fine
Queen Anne Mirror," cried the auc-
tioneer. "What am I offered for it?"

Old Lady: "Is it cracked?"

Auctioneer: "No Madam, it isn't
but we can easily crack it for you."

She: "I'm glad to meet a man
who started at the bottom and work-
ed his way up. Tell me, how you
begin?"

He: "I was a bootblack and now
I'm a hairdresser."

Father: "You have been calling on
my daughter for more than a year.
What are your intentions?"

Young Man: "I had hoped, sir to
become an addition to your family."

Father: "Nothing doing in addi-
tions, young fellow. You'll have to
subtract."

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Sunday School Lesson

By L. BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson for June 2

Conduct As A Test of Character or
Conduct As an Indication of
Character

Bible Texts: Ezekiel 15:1-6; Matt. 5:13-16; I Cor. 10:6-7.

Introduction: In studying the story of Israel, we have learned to think of the Babylonian exile as covering a period of seventy years.

The people were carried away in three separate deportations, the people being carried away in three separate detachments: first in the reign of Jehoiakim, when Daniel and other young nobles were of the company; second in the reign of Jehoiachin, when about 10,000 of the leading citizens were exiled, including the prophet Ezekiel; and finally in the reign of Zedekiah, when most of the remaining inhabitants of Judea were carried off. The seventy years of the exile is usually reckoned from the first deportation.

It was the policy of conquering kings in those days to remove conquered peoples from their native land and scatter them over the face of the victorious land in order to prevent them from plotting to raise the standard of revolt against their conquerors. Just as the English of an earlier day in the progress of the settlement of this country removed the inhabitants of Acadia and scattered them along the Atlantic seaboard for a distance of 1,000 miles in order that they might become mixed with the English population and lose identity as French people. So the people of Judea were scattered by the Babylonians. Many of the exiles were carried away to Babylon, then the greatest city in the world. The prophet Ezekiel with a numerous company of his fellow exiles were settled on the River Chebar, about 300 miles above Babylon. In smaller companies they were doubtless scattered over the entire country, wherever slave labor could be most profitably employed.

The Jewish captives were superior in character and intelligence to their captors, and would and did naturally rise to places of eminence in the country of their captivity. Daniel became prime minister of the country; Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, also got high promotion; and afterwards Nehemiah became cup-bearer to the king. Many became prosperous as farmers, successful as craftsmen and artisans, so that they lost all desire to leave the land of their captivity. Many others of them lamented their exile, and by the rivers in the land of their captivity, they sat weeping, refusing to be gay in the land of their enemies.

Ezekiel's name means God strengthens. He was a priest as well as a prophet. He seems to have been led away from Jerusalem when he was some twenty-five years old, he having been educated in Jerusalem, where he had become familiar with the temple and its services. He is

thought to have been a pupil of the great Jeremiah. Ezekiel was taken to Tel-abib, on the River Chebar. Here his prophetic work began when he was thirty years old, the age at which Levites entered upon service. Ezekiel prophesied during a period of about twenty-two years, and won an extended hearing, the Jews often coming to him for advice, though they did not faithfully follow his instruction.

The book of Ezekiel begins with a long series of prophecies delivered before Jerusalem was destroyed, foretelling its destruction because of its fearful sins. To these prophecies are added others against the nations surrounding Judea, and also against Syria and Egypt. A typical prophecy of this period is that connected with Ezekiel's wife. He was living in happy wedlock when one night God revealed to him that his wife was to die. On the evening of the following day, the wife is dead. Ezekiel is forbidden to weep or lament over her, for he is to serve as a sign that Jerusalem is to be destroyed without wailing or lamentation (Ezekiel 24:15ff). The concluding portion of Ezekiel's book is devoted to comforting prophecies of the restoration of the Jews to their homeland, the rebuilding of the temple and the reinstitution of its services.

I. The Value of Life.

This point strictly speaking is not in the text. But all consideration of life must take into account the precious quality of it. How infinite in value above death is life! How wonderful the opportunities which it brings, the obligations which it imposes! How important then that men recognize the fact that it can be wasted, nay, made of less than no worth. Here in the text, in being compared to the wood of the vine it is however, pictured in certain cases, and in this instance, of the whole city of Jerusalem, as just being of no account, worthless.

II. How Our Lord Estimated His People. Matt. 5:13, 14.

Think of what our Lord here says. We might say of Him, "Here is a young man talking to a company of other young men. And He has the audacity to say to this company of ordinary young men, of young fishermen, 'Ye are the light of the world. Ye are the salt of the earth.' Did any man ever dare make such a statement before or since to such a company?"

But our Lord is here telling these young men what He thinks of them. Of course he knows that one of them is gloomy, that another is full of doubts, that another is hasty and quick-tempered and profane, and that another still is false at heart, and treacherous at the core. But he was not here thinking of their defects, but of their virtues. He was seeing here, not what was evil in these young men, but what was good in them, and he was determined to elicit that good and to give it play and power.

I have sat here until far into the night, trying to bring a lesson from these scriptures, trying to get the Lord to use me to bring a message of good cheer to your hearts who read this article. And I can

find no better thing to say than this: Your Lord believes in you, in spite of all the faults He knows you are wedded to. No fault of life or character is too great for Him to handle, if only He be permitted to handle it. He can straighten any kink in the life which is surrendered to Him.

There is a woman in your community, and such a woman! She talks when she ought not, on subjects which she ought not. Can you see her as our Lord sees her?

In your community is a man, wicked and profane, of just downright lowdown. But our Lord sees in that man such capacities for good as may bless the lives of thousands. Will you try to see the man under observation as our Lord sees him?

III. How Men Are To Use Their Endowments.

"Let your light shine." That is what light is for, to shine. A Christian is not so much to make his light shine as to let it shine. If the life you are living is a genuine life, there will be little need to work at the task of convincing the people that it is genuine. Just give your inward life a chance, and the spirit of this inward life will write all over the outward one the fact of the inner shining and working. "Let go! Let God!" is the language of one of our modern evangelists, and the evangelist was saying something. More than half our troubles spring from this: "We will not let go in order that we may let God."

IV. The Lord's People As Fruit Trees.

Of course this figure is very true to life. The fruit tree bears fruit. That is what you bought the young tree for. And the fruit it bears is the normal expression of the life.

Let the life of God have sway in the heart of man or woman, and see how it will sway away from the false and the untrue in every walk and bring the heart of that man or woman into unison with the heart of God. And such unison is the normal expression of the life of the child of God.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE B.S.U.

The Baptist Student Union on the Mississippi College campus touches every respect of the student's life, from the spiritual and the social to the economical, and is a year-round activity.

Perhaps the most important factor of the school life at Mississippi College is the B.S.U. and its many affiliations, of which the Sunday School, training unions, ministerial association and noon-day prayer meeting are the major parts.

The four college Sunday School classes are under the direction of the B. S. U. council, and are divided according to the student's classification. Wilson Fulton is the general ment.

The Clinton B.T.U.'s are perhaps the best-developed of the whole program, with ten senior unions and an enrollment of over 300. Collins Mitchell is the director of the Young People's Unions.

Noon-day prayer meeting, directed by J. T. McRae, Orman McDonald and Carter Blake, is held daily at

1:30 in a prayer room for that purpose in the main dormitory. The council also sponsors prayer rooms on every floor of the dormitories where prayer-mates may go to pray at any time.

The Ministerial Association, with J. C. Murphy president, is composed of students on the campus who feel that God has called them to His ministry, meets twice weekly with educational and inspirational programs.

Of interest to all students on the campus are the social events sponsored each year by the B.S.U. council, consisting of parties at regular intervals during the year.

Another interesting feature of the B.S.U. council is the Ridgecrest fund, from which any student may borrow money in order to attend the Baptist Student Retreat in North Carolina. It is paid back during the next year, without interest. Another plan worked out by the council is to appoint a student to take money which the students want saved for the Ridgecrest trip and deposit it in the bank, where it will be safe.

Every Sunday night in the Clinton Baptist Church is student night, and a student directs the student choir and student special music, and students act as ushers.

Opportunity is offered for summer service, in the state with the state Baptist office, in the association—teaching study courses and organizing B.T.U.'s, in the home church. Several student revival groups go out each summer and offer excellent opportunities for Christian service. So the B.S.U. council sponsors a year-round schedule for Mississippi College.

Cleo Harris is president of the council for next year. It is his duty to supervise all religious activities on the campus, so as to avoid all friction and over-lapping.

The founder of the Mississippi College B. S. U. council is Chester Swann, who has served a number of years as student secretary on the campus. However, this year he has been away on leave of absence to conduct student revivals over the south.

David Smiley, Reporter.

ATTRACTIVE TOURS FOR CONVENTIONITES

According to advertisement in this issue attractive All Expense Personally Conducted Tours arranged especially for convention visitors have been arranged to leave Baltimore following the convention. A representative of the American Personal Guidance Travel Service, A. Conrad Ekholm, Director, will be at the Convention Information Bureau to give full information.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Pastor Jordan, of Morton, was telling us recently that their Vacation Bible school this year was the best they have ever had. The enrolment was great and the work better.

They used several teachers who were new in the work, and each of them asked to be used next year also. The principal of the school had never had any previous experience, yet he stated that it was one of the greatest weeks he had ever had.

Others have also told us of the fine schools they have had this year. Be sure and send in the reports of these schools promptly. If you do not have the regular report blank, write us a card and one will be sent immediately. Help us get reports of all schools for this year.

VAN WINKLE

The school at Van Winkle, near Jackson, has again attained the standard rating, and has the banner displayed showing it to be A-1. They recently completed a fine study course with Mrs. D. A. McCall, of Clinton, helping them, and with different Mississippi College speakers each night of the week.

The teachers and officers were greatly helped with new ideas that are aiding their program of Sunday school work. The pastor is Rev. E. J. Blackford, and the superintendent, Ed Coleman.

ANOTHER STANDARD

Another school to come in on the standard list is Davis Memorial of Jackson, Rev. A. S. Johnston, pastor, and Ike Bain, superintendent. Congratulations to any school that attains this worthy program. Others should check up on this and reach the short points right away. Try it.

WEST LAUREL ADULTS

The adult department of the West Laurel Baptist Sunday School has within recent months had a most splendid growth. The superintendent of this department is Mrs. J. H. Street. Associated with her are capable officers and faithful and efficient teachers.

Just a very few years ago the attendance in this department was not large, for a school of that size, but now it is nearing the 300 mark.

The reason is not hard to find. They have organized four new classes, and are maintaining a regular and definite visitation program. These four new classes on a recent Sunday had an attendance of from 16 to 26 each. Enlarged organization and visitation make a combination that will get results.

Reaching our adults is surely one of the major matters before all of our schools. We are happy in every evidence of this in any school. Our congratulations to the officers and teachers of the Adult department of the West Laurel school on this splendid growth.

EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

By G. C. Hodge

Every Christian Should Know How To Enjoy His Salvation.

Jesus said, "I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Jesus wants every Christian to be happy. It is the duty of every Christian to be happy. He should be happy that he himself might enjoy living, and he should be happy for the sake of those about him. Happiness is as refreshing as a bubbling spring and as inspiring as a song.

Every Christian should know that to be happy he must do more than trust in the Lord for salvation. He must obey God, serve God, and maintain a friendly relationship with God so as to be conscious of his favor, grace and blessings.

He should know that to be happy he must maintain a right relationship with men. No man can be truly happy who is not a true friend and who does not have a true friend. Friendship is to the soul like wings to the bird, like sails to the ship, like health to the body, like sunshine to the plant, like rain to the flower, it inspires; it gives strength; it brings out its beauty.

He should know that to be happy he must work. It is not possible for a lazy, inactive man to be happy. Even the poorest, most ignorant negro sings loudest when busy. The happy Christian is the busy Christian. The happy, prosperous church is the busy church. To be happy one must do something to produce happiness.

When a hunter wants a thrill, he goes after big game. When a fisherman wants a thrill he goes after game fish. He gets a thrill out of planning the trip, out of selecting the bait, the line, the rod, the reel, the boat. He enjoys exercising his skill, and when he lands a big one he forgets his dignity, if he has any, and shouts. He has something to make him shout.

Athletes get no thrill out of playing a team that has lost every game, but they get a thrill out of even the prospects of playing a team that has never lost a game. They enjoy planning for the game. They know that to win they must fight; they must put into the game the best of skill and strength, and when they win, they shout. They have something to make them shout.

The church that goes along in the usual, simple, easy way; the way which calls for little or no thought, skill, sacrifice or effort finds it as impossible to experience a thrill as would a hunter when he shoots a sparrow, or as a fisherman when he catches a minnow, or for an athlete when he wins over a team that has lost every game it played. On the other hand, whether the church has one hundred or three thousand members if they will make out a program that is so big, unusual, challenging and difficult that it cannot be accomplished without the members putting into it their very best, they will enjoy working, and when they win they will be unable to refrain from shouting. The trouble with most churches is, they are

not doing anything to make them shout.

Two little news boys sauntered into a florist's shop and asked the price of some flowers. When told the price they were visinly disappointed. The owner overheard one say to the other, "Its no use, we can't get anything for fifteen cents, and that's all we've got." The man called them to him and asked what they wanted with flowers? They replied, "This morning a guy in a big car bumper off our pal who sold papers in the block next to ours, and we thought we would get some flowers for his mother to put on his grave, but we didn't know they cost so much." The man led them to another part of the building and showed them some white roses which sold for ten dollars a dozen, and asked how they liked them. They replied, "Swell, but what do they cost?" The man said, "They are on special sale today for fifteen cents a dozen." They bought them and went away happy because they had done their best for a friend, and without knowing it, they left behind a man who was as happy as they because he had done something to make himself happy.

WEST LAUREL

It was my privilege to be with Pastor J. H. Street and the West Laurel people for a ten days meeting. The meeting came at the close of the "Church Loyalty" campaign and at the beginning of the "Youth Crusade." The pastor and people had made definite plans for the meeting. Cottage prayer meetings were held in advance, May was set as "Evangelistic Month," an evangelistic committee was appointed, a thorough religious census was taken and the results tabulated, a sound system was provided for the street services and the overflow crowds.

Just as thoroughness characterized the preparation for the meeting, thoroughness characterized the whole program of the church. The church and pastor has a definite plan of work, and cooperate in working the plan. The church has high standards for its leadership. A leadership covenant is read publicly and subscribed to by the Sunday School teachers and officers and leaders of the B.T.U., together with the choir and committee members.

When any one indulges in questionable worldly amusement, that one is expected to surrender the place of leadership held. The Sunday School superintendent has vision and is executing a very comprehensive program. There were 872 in attendance May 12. The school will have met the standard within the compass of a few weeks. The B.T.U., the W.M.U., and the Brotherhood are completely organized, and doing excellent work. We are persuaded that this church and pastor are meeting the challenge of a great field as well as any we have ever known, or heard about.

The Lord blessed us in our labors together with between fifteen and twenty additions to the church.

We prayed for a busy week, the Lord answered our prayers. We have never worked harder in a meeting, and have never enjoyed one more. The Lord has richly blessed the pastor and his talented wife, and the people of Laurel are devoted to them.

C. Z. Holland.

LIBERTY

We began our Vacation Bible school this morning with 78 present. However, we expect many more on tomorrow.

Our faculty are: Beginners, Mrs. Grady Rice, Supt. Mrs. Roy Newman, Miss Gloria Wren, helper and pianist. Primary, Mrs. G. C. Harrison, Supt. Mrs. Louis Marsalis, and Mrs. Eugene Tynes, Mrs. J. T. Wilson and Mrs. T. A. Sewel. Junior Dept., Mrs. T. A. Parker, Supt., Mrs. L. G. Turnipseed, Miss Anne Andrews. Intermediate Dept., Mrs. Clinton McGehee, Supt., Mrs. Jack Causey, Mrs. P. N. Wilson, and Mrs. E. T. Harvey, Principal. C. M. Day, Pastor.

We are having a great time. All parts of the work move along in full swing. It is a joy to work with such high spirited people as we have at Liberty.

C. M. Day, Pastor.

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MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My Dear Children:

If I write a personal little note to each of you at the close of your letter, there won't be room for all of your letters. Instead I want you to take this as your personal message. We are happy to receive the letters from every one of you and to those who sent gifts, we are sending an especially big thank you.

I wonder if we realize how much good all these gifts together may do. I had a nice surprise this morning when I opened a letter and found inside a shiny half dollar from "a sincere friend"—that's all, no name, no address, but a helpful contribution. Our "distant donor" also sent a check for twenty-five dollars which shall be added to the orphanage building fund. To those whose names we know, and to those whose names are kept a secret from us, we are deeply grateful. Thanks each one of you. We ourselves are blessed as we grow in this "grace of giving."

With love,
Mrs. Frances Steele.

New Augusta, Mississippi,
R-1, May 18, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

It has been a long long time since I have written to you so I think I will start now. We haven't been getting the Baptist Record since February, but I still go to Sunday School every Sunday and go to church too. I am going on 14 years old now, I will be in the seventh grade when school starts again. We are going to have Mother's Day Sunday. We are going to give a program on Mother. Our pastor's name is Rev. Luther Turner. I am looking forward to seeing my letter in print.

With much love,
Mavis Clark.

Mt. Olive, Mississippi,
May 20, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

We have written to the Children's Circle once before sending an offering to the orphans. We are a small Sunday School of a county church. We only had 45 present last Sunday. We are sending \$1.50 to be used for the orphans where it is most needed. May God bless the children for which it is used.

New Hope Sunday School
Inez McLendon, Sec.-Trea.

R-1, Terry, Mississippi,
May 12, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

We are a happy band of little Junior boys and girls wanting to join your circle. We have our Sunday School. Miss Alma Berry is our Junior superintendent, and Mrs. H. P. Spier is our teacher. There are four classes in our department. We use our Bibles in our opening exercises and also in our class. We try to be 100 per cent pupils because we know Jesus wants us to do our best.

While we are fortunate little girls and boys in having parents we are thinking of those who are less fortunate and are sending a little offering of 45 cents to be used in any way needed.

Leslie Welch, Pres.
John Bufkin, V-Pres.
Fay Coker, Secy.
Bobbie Pitts, Assit. Secy.
Jimmie Nell Brumfield,
Elizabeth Garrett,
Mary Doris McDonald,
Bettina Ann Causey,
Katherine Case.

Philadelphia, Mississippi,
May 13, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I'm sending \$1.00 for the J. E. Byrd memorial building.

I don't think we could help a better cause.

Brother Byrd was a wonderful man. I enjoyed hearing him talk in our church (Spring Creek) several times.

I enjoy reading The Record may the good work continue to help people learn of what Baptist are really doing.

With love and best wishes,
Mrs. Bassett.

Lumberton, Mississippi,
May 16, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am three years old and I go to Nursery Class of the Lumberton church. Mrs. Donzie Atwood is my teacher, and she is very sweet.

I have a smart little white dog named Spot.

Your new friend,
Neal Lozenbv.

Silver Creek, Mississippi,
May 14, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I like to read the letters the other boys' and girls write. I am an orphan child. I have a brother and sister in the orphans' home in Jackson. I love I love my daddy and mother lots and they love me. I will tell you how old I am. I am eight years old and will be in the third grade next year. My teacher last year was Miss Annie Will Shivers. She sure was a sweet teacher. I have seven little pigs to play with. I want to have my picture made with them soon. Well my letter is growing long; I must stop. I am sending 10 cents to the orphans.

Your new friend,
Dorothy Stephens.

Lumberton, Mississippi,
May 12, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Here I come again. We have elected a new pastor. His name is Mr. Wood. He was just out of B.B.I. when we called him. May the fifth, he accepted the call. I have heard him preach once and think he is a good preacher.

Our school has been out for a good while. I passed to the sixth grade. My teacher gave me a dictionary for not missing a day of school the whole year long. You were right in guessing that the stationary I wrote on the first time was a Christmas present. I have made a scrap book of the Children's Circle letters.

Your friend,
Mary Althea Lazenby.

Lumberton, Mississippi,
May 16, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I will be five years old the fifteenth of next month. I go to Sunday School and preaching and B.Y.P.U. almost every Sunday. Joan Mobley lives near me and is in my class at Sunday School. We love our teacher, Mrs. Bounds. We have sixty biddies and eight new pigs. I like to hear some one read the Children's Circle letters to me. I have two sisters, three brothers, two half sisters and one half brother.

Your little friend,
Ruth Lazenby.

Shaw, Miss., R-1, Box 77A
May 17, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my third time to write to the Record. I enjoy the letters. I was eleven years old the 14th of January. My school is out, but I have a sister who lives near Boyle, so I'm going to finish the Boyle school too as her little girl Eunice

Mae Robison doesn't like to go by herself. I passed for the sixth grade I surely did like my teacher. Her name was Miss Felciner. I hope she sees my letter and says hello to me. I miss her very much. We lost our preacher, brother Sledge. We surely did hate to see him move to Shaw. I hope we will have another preacher soon. I go to Sunday School at Lynn Baptist church.

My brothers, Irvin and Johnnie Fred have been playing over the radio at Greenville. Hello, Mavis Moody; I saw your letter. Why don't you write me sometimes and come too. We are first cousins. If you will send me your picture. I will send you mine. Hello, Louella Robison. What kin are you to Russie Robison? Mavis, if you see this, send it to Aunt Docia Nix, my daddy's sister. Maybe she will write us.

Your little friend,
Mavis Frances Garden.

Taylor, Mississippi,
May 17, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele and Circle:

This is my first time to write I read the Children's Circle and enjoy it very much. I am a girl twelve years old and will be in the seventh grade next year. I go to Pilgrim Rest Baptist church every Sunday, and enjoy the services. Our pastor is Rev. Crumby. My sister, Marvel, wrote to the circle a few weeks ago, you asked if she was kin to Mrs. M. G. Austin. Yes, she is our grandmother. I am sending a dime to the crippled children. Best wishes to you and the circle.

Joyce Laverne Austin.

Crystal Springs, Miss.
May 13, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my second time to write the Children's Circle. We have two pets now. One is a rabbit and the other is a baby kitty. Mother has 50 little baby chicks. We have just lost five so far. Isn't the world beautiful? I hope my letter will miss the waste basket.

Your friend,
Fay Malone.

Florence, Mississippi,
May 17, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I will be twelve years old the twenty-first of May. My school was out today and I have been in the sixth grade but was promoted to the seventh. I try to go to Sunday School every Sunday. I go to prayer meeting too. I hope to see this letter in print.

Your new friend,
Louise Taylor.

McCall Creek, Mississippi,
May 17, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I have just finished reading the Children's Circle, which I enjoyed very much. I read it every week. I go to Sunday School and church every Sunday at Concord. Our pastor is brother Porter. I am eleven years old. Our school is out now. I will be in the sixth grade when school starts again. This is my first time to write since last December. I go fishing every day now and wish you could come sometimes and go. I hope my letter is in print. I will close.

Very truly,
Annie Ratcliff.

Grenada, Mississippi,
May 18, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed you will find two dollars from the Beginners' department of Sunday School. We would like for one dollar to go to the orphanage and one to Miss Annie Laurie. The children are always happy to bring their pennies for the orphanage.

With love,
Mrs. A. N. Rayburn.

(Supt., Beginners' Dept., First Baptist church).

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is our first time to write to

the Children's Circle. We hope we won't be left behind. We, the members of the card class, enjoy hearing the Children's Circle read. Our teacher, Mrs. Melvie Robinson is going to read it to us. We are interested in the orphans and so we want to send our Mother's Day offering of 25 cents to them. We feel sure it is needed.

We enjoy going to Sunday School and church. We go to Mt. Moriah which is near Iuka, Mississippi.

With love,

Mrs. Melvie Robinson, teacher; Nellie Fay Robinson, Ray Robinson, Harold Lynn Rhodes, Opal Lambert, Cecil Robinson, Martha Fae Robinson, Jimmie Harris Rhodes, Louise Ballard, Bobby Rhodes, Mayrene Rhodes, Josephene Rhodes, Tommy Bivins, Georgia May Robinson, and Joe Ann Ortnier.

Mantee, Mississippi,
May 18, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write I enjoy reading the Children's Circle very much. I am a little girl seven years old. My birthday is February 10th. I go to Sunday School every Sunday morning. My teacher is Miss Bonnie Bess Davis. She is my school teacher too. I am spending the week with my aunt Eula and aunt Vergie Harden. I am going back today.

Your friend,
Lee Carolyn Skelton.

Mt. Olive, Mississippi,
May 19, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my third letter to the Record. I am always glad for the Baptist Record to come. I read the letters first.

I am enjoying the vacation time since I got up from measles. I go to Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. every Sunday. My teacher is Mrs. Sadie Berry. I love her very much.

Your friend,
Doris Herrington.

P.S. I am answering Bobbie Jean Johnson's Bible questions.

1. Because Satan tried to make him curse God.
2. In the land of Moab.
3. Because he trespassed against the Lord.
4. Because he denounced the sin of the people and prophesied their destruction.

Here are the answers to Bobbie Nell James' questions, too.

1. Abraham.
2. He was the father of many nations.
3. Ur.
4. Terah.
5. Sarah.
6. Keturah.
7. One.
8. Isaac.
9. Six.
10. Zimran.

Florence, Mississippi,
May 20, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I'm sorry that I waited so long to write you. We are surely having some pretty weather now. We are going to have a Junior B.Y.P.U. at Mrs. Bess Harrison's. We are expecting a nice time. I am going to try to answer some of the questions that have been asked. I don't remember the girl's name who asked them as our paper got misplaced. Moses died on Mt. Nebo. Moses disobeyed God. Job's troubles were boils.

I am sending twenty-five cents for the orphans.

Your friend,
Hazel Byrd.

Meadville, Mississippi,
May 20, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I enjoy reading the Children's Circle very much. This is my first time to write and I want to be a member of the Circle. I am ten years of age and in the sixth grade this year. I go to Sunday School at O'Zion church. Our pastor is Rev. Solie Smith and I think he is a real good pastor for he preaches so

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Baptist Training Union

AIM—Training in Church Membership

LUCY CARLETON WILDS ASSOCIATE SECRETARY
AUBER J. WILDS STATE SECRETARY
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Like Good Music?

Good music will be one of the special features at the District Conventions. In addition to the congregational singing that will be under the direction of Mr. James Fairchild, Jr., we will have a three piece ensemble including a trombone, xylophone and piano. Mr. Fairchild will play the trombone, Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds the xylophone and Mrs. E. Frank Lee the piano. You will like that! Mrs. Lee also sings and will bring a special number. Oh well we will have other special musical numbers, for instance, in Batesville June 19th, morning and afternoon, and also in Oxford June 22, the Oxford Junior Choir of 35 voices will sing, and do they sing! You will say YES, if you hear them. We believe! In good music, and want you to help make it and enjoy it with the rest of us.

Moving Pictures of Our Baptist Colleges

An added feature of our District Training Union Conventions will be moving pictures, in color, of our Mississippi Baptist Colleges. It will be like spending a day on the campus. You will want to see them. They will be shown at the night session in each convention where we have electric current. Ridgecrest will also be on the screen! This time you will see the Mississippi Bus as she rounds one of the "turns" on the mountains of North Carolina, and see the happy folks as they step out upon Ridgecrest terrafirma after a two days hard drive from the Magnolia State. Hope you can not only see these pictures, but join the crowd this year and make the trip to Ridgecrest.

Okolona Has Training School

The week of May 5th was a busy week for Okolona Baptist Young People. It was the week just before school was to have tests and commencement, and many were busy practicing for these activities, but a good group found time to attend the Training School at the church each evening 7-9. It was the pleasure of both State B.T.U. workers to be members of the faculty, and Rev. W. E. Ferguson of Sherman with Pastor R. B. Patterson completed the faculty. A class, an intermission, and a second class period was the plan. A social following examinations was enjoyed by about sixty. "Jerry" made a few brief appearances during the intermissions, and all together it was a profitable week. The Junior Union was divided and a Junior Department set up with Mrs. C. C. McLanahan as director. A splendid program of visitation was carried on throughout the week with nearly 500 personal contacts made in a single day. Bible readings were emphasized as a special feature. On Wednesday evening during the intermission brother Ferguson

brought the devotional message, using for his theme "Spiritual Leadership." The pastor and his wife, with Mr. and Mrs. Samson Stone played hosts to the visiting workers, with many other members of the church sharing the hospitality of their home for dinner and supper. Mrs. Stone is the director, interested and efficient.

Mr. Frank E. Skilton, Superintendent of Public Relations, calls attention to the June issue of the Training Union Magazine, asking that you note specially the cover page 1, and page 3—It must be something about Blue Mountain College!

STORY TELLING PROGRAM District Training Union Conventions June, 1940

Because of the splendid response and the evident interest in the Bible stories told by the Story Hour boys and girls at the 1939 Conventions we are planning to reserve a place on the program for a similar contest again this year. The purpose of this emphasis is to help the boys and girls to learn the Bible stories so that they can tell them themselves thus making the Bible truths more real and meaningful to them.

We are hoping that every Story Hour leader will encourage all the boys and girls to learn stories, giving them opportunities from time to time to tell the stories to each other. We want to be careful to help them get the facts correct and the meaning clear. We can also help them to enunciate distinctly and speak loud enough to be heard. Acting out the stories often helps them to remember the various characters.

At a designated time, probably during May or early June, there should be in every Association a meeting to which the churches in the Association may send boys and girls to represent their Training Union in the various departmental drills: Senior Speaking, Intermediate Sword Drill, Junior Memory Work Drill, and Story Hour Story Telling Program. If this meeting is not arranged in your Association you may send your contestants direct to the District Convention. If there is an associational meeting the winners will represent the Association in the District drills. We are urging that in these Associational meetings every contestant be recognized and commended for his work, so that the honor will not be so much in winning but in participating. We want it to be more of a program than a contest.

There will really be two Story Hour contests, for the Beginner's Story Hour children (below six years old) and the Primary Story Hour members (6-8) will be judged separately. One of each age group will be allowed from each Association.

tion. The same rules will apply to both:

1. Each contestant will be allowed three minutes.
2. Only Bible stories are to be used. Each contestant may choose his own story.
3. The children will be judged on these three points:
(1) Delivery.
(2) Adherence to the facts of the story.
(3) How much the story seems to mean to the child, himself.

As a Story Hour leader won't you assume the responsibility of trying to establish story hours in all the other churches in your Association? Every Training Union can have one. Perhaps many are just waiting for you to suggest it, and show them how to get it started.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE—

(Continued from page 12)
that all the little folks can understand him.

Your little new friend,
Dolores Arnold.

Louisville, Mississippi,
May 20, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I go to school at Ellison Ridge and will be in the second grade next year. I am six years old and go to Sunday School every Sunday I can. I don't live but about one and one-half miles from the church. I've never seen a letter from Louisville and I will be looking for mine in the paper. I enjoy reading the Children's Circle.

Sincerely yours,
Shirley Fay Smith.

Jackson, Mississippi,
April 29, 1940.

Children's Circle:

Please accept our thanks for your contribution of \$3.00 to the building fund, and \$22.70 General Support Fund.

Your continued interest and support is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
W. G. Mize, Supt.,
Baptist Orphanage.

McCall Creek, Miss.,
May 21, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Here I am wishing to join your happy band of boys and girls. I am a little girl ten years of age and will soon be eleven. My birthday is the second day of July. Our pastor is Rev. E. Barlow and my Sunday School teacher is Mrs. J. I. Cain, she surely is a good teacher. Our pastor is a good one too. I go to Sunday School and church every time I can. I read the Baptist Record every week and like it fine. I am sending five cents to the orphans.

Your new friend,
Merle Ballard.

Meadville, Mississippi,
May 21, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little boy six years old in the second grade. I go to church and Sunday School at O'Zion Baptist church, Bro. Solie Smith is our pastor, we all like him. I have one little brother 9 years old and a sister four. My mother has been sick and I stay and wait on her. I love to read the Children's page, hope you will print my letter.

Your new friend,
Delton Holland.

First Student. "I wonder how old Miss Jones is."

Second Student. "Quite old, I imagine; they say she used to teach Caesar."

DURANT

The cornerstone of the new Durant Baptist church was laid May 21 in a very impressive ceremony attended by a crowd of members and friends.

The doxology was sung, a prayer was given by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Haynie and several appropriate scriptures were read and discussed by him.

A complete history of the church from its organization in 1867 was read, and a resolution of appreciation was expressed to the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sproles, who donated the lot upon which the beautiful, modern brick building is being constructed. The roll of members, now numbering about 500, together with the complete personnel of the church officers, building committees, financial committees, were placed in the cornerstone.

The crowd sang, "On Christ the Solid Rock I stand," after which Robert E. Irby, a deacon and member of the building and finance committee, offered a prayer.

This church has made excellent progress under the leadership of Rev. W. R. Haynie, who came from Memphis to assume the pastorate in 1934. Some of the leaders among Southern Baptist have served the church as pastors. Among these are: James Newman, J. R. Farrish, H. H. Portwood, J. H. Cochran, A. V. Rowe, E. E. Thornton, G. B. Butler, J. P. Hickman, J. F. Tull, T. A. Moore, H. F. Sproles, T. L. Holcomb, W. E. Farr, J. J. Mayfield, J. D. Franks, S. P. Poag, J. W. Wilkerson, O. P. Bentley, S. G. Posey, J. M. Metts, J. S. Riser, Jr., and W. R. Haynie, present pastor.

"Now, boys," said the teacher, "tell me the signs of the zodiac. You first, Thomas."

"Taurus, the Bull."

"Right! Now you, Harold, another one."

"Cancer, the Crab."

"Right again. And now it's your turn, Albert."

The boy looked puzzled, hesitated a moment, and then blurted out, "Mickey, the Mouse."

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Baptists Yesterday and Today

More than a hundred years ago great men among Mississippi Baptists working as pioneers with primitive means, had a consciousness of their personal responsibility in their own time and a great vision of the Kingdom program in the hands and the hearts of the generations that must follow them. They did well their work and established the Christian faith and Baptist churches throughout the state. They projected the mission of the gospel wherever community life was planted, and launched a program of Christian education to provide the leadership and the vision needed for the people of God to go forward. Since that day Christian education has had a fundamental place in the life and work of Mississippi Baptist. A lighthouse - the school of the prophets - was established at Clinton, Mississippi.

During the same era individual leaders and churches saw the "needs of the hour" and proclaimed the Christian faith through privately owned schools and helped to lead the way to make sure the foundation of Christian education and progress in Christian living and culture, and make sure a permanent structure for trained leadership in the mission program, channelled through the church of Christ. This work faithfully done had its reward.

Thirty years ago men and women of faith and vision experienced—comprehended—the work and rewards of the Baptist through a hundred years. Their faith was enhanced, their courage was inspired, their vision for Christ was enlarged. Christian education had won a great victory. Men equipped with a great Christian faith and a "mind to work" joined with men of sacrifice and means such as they had to enlarge the reach of Christian education in the hands of the Baptist denomination in Mississippi. Out of the victories of the past, linked with the needs of the hour and clear vision of the future, gripped by their faith in God and each other, anchored by a dedication to duty, fired by a zeal for Christ, inspired by a vision of the thousands who would come into the Kingdom of God prepared to do his will and his work, these men and women sought a great light and wrought a great work.

Mississippi Baptist today are in the midst of the rewards of that work and that sacrifice. Those who are alert see it in the morning; those who pray feel it at noon time; those who understand give praise for it at the night time.

Mississippi Baptists today have the greatest equipment and resources for Christian education—have it at their command—have it in their hands—of any people within our borders. These great resources represent today the life and work and sacrifice of men and women among us who continue in their upward crusade for right and righteousness, as well as a great host who have passed on. The facilities for Christian education in the hands of Mississippi Baptists today are jewels bought at a great price.

Our schools have been beacons of light through a century that have placed our people—Mississippi Baptists—on the offensive and in the line of Christian and civic progress until today we must hold our gains, and reinforce our ranks, and strengthen our fortifications for Christian and civic righteousness. In our state if Baptist fail, the fight is lost!

Today Mississippi Baptists come up to the waters of the Red Sea. For five years we have had strife and division in a second cause. For five years we have magnified our failures and stunted our efforts and our faith. For five years we have, as it were, "turned every man to his own way." Our debts have been magnified and we have not done much about it. Our courage and our resources have been minimized and our efforts have weakened. Today we dare to retrench and throw away the precious gains wrought through thirty years of labor and sacrifice. We deem "as grasshoppers in our own sight" and are willing to turn back and die in the wilderness of inertia.

There is a way out. A renewed faith in our God and in each other. A unity of purpose and action in a great comprehensive program for Christian missions and our denominational institutions to the end that every resource in our hands shall be used, and magnified and directed to the mission of the gospel in our state, and every gain shall be strengthened and dedicated to the work of the Kingdom in the years to come. Oneness of purpose in a great work must be enlisted and Mississippi Baptists must not fail in this hour of their greatest Christian responsibility.

Mississippi Baptists have a system of Christian schools in very strategic points. These schools are of great economic value. These schools are lighthouses for Christ. These schools are our workshops for Christian leaders and teachers and homes. These schools have an inestimable worth, and should not be lost to the church and Christian program of our people.

Good roads and modern science have brought our people a new civic and economic hope. Progress in agriculture and industry and harmony in development form the material slogan of the new era. New methods and new resources will project an heretofore unexpected and unthought of progress in our state. This is the forecast of those who know the pulse of economic progress. Standards of living are being changed and a new social order will follow. At this time it is evident almost everywhere. It is the thought of every department of life. What the new era will reveal is now uncertain. What changes it will bring are now unknown. The coming change is so evident we almost fear its advance. We do fear its advance and hesitate to set on what we KNOW should be done while the revolution takes place.

To those who are charged with the program—the gospel mission in this day—and who have a grip up-

on the eternal things of the Kingdom to come to KNOW some things that should be done—and done quickly. Christian education in Baptists schools—small schools throughout the land in reach of the people who want it and will accept it, if you please, is one of the great resources in the hands of Mississippi Baptists today. The work of every institution in our hands as Baptists in this state should be fortified and enlarged and made ready to meet the needs of Christian leadership in this hour and in the days and conditions that must immediately follow. This is imperative for the life of Christian training and for the work of Mississippi Baptists. Believe it or not. This is the time when those who are charged with the gospel ministry and with the leadership in Christian education and Christian training—charged with the moral and spiritual values of life—need to be awakened and recharged by the Holy Spirit of God with a new sense of responsibility to go into the highways and hedges with the mission of the gospel and prepare the way—the minds and the hearts of the people—to live the life that now is and to look for the life that is to come.

Mississippi Baptists do not need a centralized system of education. Certainly not a centralized institution for all of their work. The genius of Baptists does not harmonize with such a system. Our educational work is happily projected but now needs to be adequately provided for. The Baptist faith and practice and progress heartily respond to the democratic provision Mississippi Baptists have made for reaching and teaching and training their people. Our educational program fits into our natural and logical formation for Christian progress. Our great need now is to save and promote and provide well for what we have, and not to lose or change the gains we have made.

The unified comprehensive program already offered to Mississippi Baptists will meet their every need. It will pay our debts; it will accomplish our mission and evangelistic program; it will bring together the efforts of our people and our churches; it will provide for our schools, both in needed equipment and protective endowment; it will give impetus to our local church and associational work; it will challenge our people to the full mission of the church and discover to us the worth of all of agencies employed in our work to enlist, and teach, and train and prepare in a high degree the great host of people within the ranks of the Baptist denomination.

More than two hundred and fifty thousand Baptists in our state can continue their work, enlarge their work, redeem their credit, and within five to ten years save and equip fully every one of their institutions, and accomplish that which is within easy reach of their material resources and their Christian faith. Are we afraid of our possibilities? Will Mississippi Baptists meet this challenge? Our pastors, our educational leaders; our missionary workers and departmental leaders, our denominational officers—these are responsible! "Where there is no vis-

BLUE MOUNTAIN

Henry Broach Hall, religious and social activities building of Blue Mountain College, just completed was dedicated today, with Dr. Frank H. Leavell, Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the southern Baptist student work, making the dedicatory address.

Dr. J. P. Kirkland, president of the college board of trustees, presided. Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, president of the college, presented three of the four principal donors who made the building possible—Mrs. Henry Broach of Meridian; Miss Jennie Stevens, Inverness; and Mrs. J. T. Swain, New Albany. Mrs. Emma Fair Armstrong, Louisville, one of the four could not be present for the ceremonies.

Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, president of the Blue Mountain College National Alumnae Association, made the address in connection with the presentation of the bronze plaque, and Mrs. O. I. Fraser, of Memphis and Mrs. A. Y. Sturdivant, of Minter City, vice-presidents of the National Association, affixed the plaque to the building.

Henry Broach Hall will be in charge of Miss Mary D. Yarborough, student secretary of the college, who will have her office and living quarters in the building.

The building is of brick and contains an assembly room seating 300 persons, a general reading room, an office for the student secretary, devotional rooms, and a few bedrooms. All floors are made of hardwood except those in the basement. A recreation hall for games and a kitchen are in the basement.

Over the entrance arch chiseled in marble appear the words "See Ye First the Kingdom of God."

Frank E. Skilton,

—BR—
TILLATOBA

On Friday evening, May 18th, the Tillatoba Baptist church brought to a close a very successful B. T. U. Study Course, conducted by the pastor, Rev. N. B. Saucier.

There were four groups: Brother Saucier had charge of the adult work.

Miss Grace Chapman of Coffeeville, Miss., the young people.

Mrs. J. L. Crawford, the B.T.U. director had the Intermediates.

Mrs. J. A. Massey the B.T.U. pianist had the Juniors.

35 passed the examination. At the close of the study period, there was a social period with refreshments enjoyed by the B.T.U. student body and a number of visitors.

All are looking forward to another study course as it is a very happy occasion in our church and is certainly the means of more successful B.T.U. work.

ion the people perish."

E. D. Hurst,
Laurel, Mississippi.

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SIGNIFICANT FACTS

The receipts for 1939 were \$2,183,742.70, an increase of \$92,686.33 over the previous year.

The total appropriations for kingdom and denominational causes were \$508,336.54, an increase of approximately \$25,000.00 over 1938.

Our periodicals have steadily increased in usefulness and wide distribution throughout the year. The gospel is now translated into print on the pages of more than twenty million copies of the periodicals of the Sunday School Board.

TWO AND ONE HALF MILLION PICTURES—In thirteen promotional and lesson periodicals, reaching more than 2,500,000 people in all departments of the Sunday school, there will have appeared during 1940 a total of 119 full pictorial feature pages, 56 of them in two colors. These pages present denominational calendar activities, provide missionary education, help integrate Sunday school lessons with contemporary life.

The service of the seventeen Book Stores is coming to be recognized as a vital, spiritual and cultural ministry to our entire constituency. Supplementing the tremendous circulation of book promotional material, these stores serve Southern Baptists through book exhibits at all Southwide and Statewide, and at many regional and associational meetings. Approximately 442 such exhibits are conducted each year to encourage our people in the wider reading of good books.

Since the launching of the present training course for Sunday school workers and the graded Baptist Training Union Study Course, about five and one-half years ago, approximately 1,000,000 copies of the books of these courses have been published and distributed. Included in these courses are books on the Bible, doctrines, Baptist history, evangelism, stewardship, missions, the Christian life, church and denominational activities, and methods of organization and administration.

More than 400 per cent increase in the number of Vacation Bible schools in four years—in 1935, Southern Baptists reported 1,044 Vacation Bible schools, with a total enrollment of 140,878, representing 390 district associations. In 1939 there were reported 4,349 schools with an enrollment of 421,377, in 733 associations.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Three things characterize the success of the five-year Sunday school promotional program—response, expansion, and spirit.

The response is evidenced by more than 8,000 capable persons enlisted as volunteer associational officers.

The expansion is seen in a 237 per cent gain in Sunday school enrollment during this period as compared with the preceding five years.

The spirit of Christian conquest is manifested in the organization and maintenance of thousands of new working units, including additional Sunday schools, vacation Bible schools, more departments, and new Sunday school classes.

TRAINING UNION—Gains in the five-year program:

There are two great classes of gains that have come to our Training Union work in the Five-Year Program.

I. Gains in Our Thinking Concerning the Training Union.

1. Development of a deeper conviction that the Training Union curriculum offers courses of study and training in which all Baptists should participate.

2. The development of a denominational conviction that evangelism and training must go hand in hand.

3. The conviction is now practically universal that all church members should be in the Training Union.

4. Through thorough grading the Training Union embodies the greatest youth program ever offered to our churches.

5. There is a growing conviction that all Baptist churches can have graded Training Unions with at least one unit each of all departments.

II. Steady Expansion and Large Gains in Numbers.

1. From 177,284 Study Course awards in 1936 to 265,776 in 1939.

2. In 1935 the combined circulation of the Training Union periodicals was 622,810 per quarter. In 1939 the circulation of the Training Union periodicals was 873,378 per quarter, a gain of 250,568.

3. On January 1, 1936, there were 35,001 Unions and Story Hours in the Training Unions of the South. On January 1, 1940, there were 43,994 Unions and Story Hours, a gain of 8,993. The enrollment figures are not yet complete.

Through the department of Student Work of the Sunday School Board, Southern Baptists are ministering definitely and effectively to the more than 100,000 college students within their territory. Its growth has been phenomenal and the demand is ever increasing.

The Board feels that it is rendering a far-reaching service to the denomination through its distribution of tracts on evangelism, doctrines, stewardship, denominational life, and other subjects. During the past year we have printed 2,718,695, which brings our total tract issues to the enormous total of 33,776,064.

Cooperative Promotional Program

A meeting of great importance was held in Nashville on January 2, 1940. Attending this conference were a number of the state mission secretaries, all regularly employed state Sunday school, Training Union, and student secretaries, together with the Sunday School Board forces.

After a full day of conference and prayer, the group unanimously voted to continue the emphasis on the district association as the medium

STARTLING FACTS Baptist Record of Iowa

It is a common statement on the part of many that the liquor situation is better now than during prohibition days. However, the statement of government officials like J. Edgar Hoover, the best informed man on crime in the United States, and other government agencies refute that belief. A few of these facts are presented here.

1. For every dollar received as revenue from the liquor interests it costs five dollars to support the product of the saloon by keeping up jails, alms-houses and other penal institutions. Repeal has not balanced the budget as promised.

2. Mr. Hoover states that the years since repeal are the most terrible in the criminal history of the United States. The Federal Government is employing twice as many officers and is spending more money to enforce the liquor laws now than at any time during the fourteen years of prohibition.

The number of bootleggers has doubled since repeal though it was promised that they would go out of business when liquor came back. In the "March of Time" the statement was made that "nearly half the liquor sold in the United States is supplied by bootleggers."

3. Since repeal twelve billion dollars has been paid out for liquor by the American people. For beer alone the country averages \$55.00 per family annually. What if this sum were used for good food and clothing?

4. The liquor business is one of the smallest employers of labor. The steel industry employed 479,342 during last year. The motor companies 284,814. Shoes, 215,438, but malt liquors only 47,037. The same is true for the farmer. The brewers used only 3.2 per cent of the grain crop of America in 1938. This disproves the statement that the liquor interests aid the farmer and increases labor.

5. Drinking and automobile accidents go together. About twenty per cent of auto accidents come from drinking drivers.

"You can get along with a wooden leg but you can't get along with a wooden head. In order that your brain may be kept clear you must keep your body fit and well. That cannot be done if you drink liquor."—Charles Mayo, M. D., Hospital, Rochester, Minn.

ELLISVILLE, LEACHMAN CIRCLE

This group met with Mrs. H. A. Dunahoo. The theme was "Making Known God's Invitation." Mrs. H. C. Waltman was the leader. All repeated the W.M.U. watchword. Prayer by Mrs. M. E. Word. Matthew the eleventh chapter was read by Mrs. W. E. Green. Mrs. H. F. Founley read the poem, "God's Mercy." The paper, Impoverished Millionaires, by Mrs. C. D. Henderson was read by

which we will work to reach all of the churches. Plans were perfected and worthy goals set for the next four years, when the Convention will celebrate its hundredth anniversary.

Mrs. S. C. Wallace, Mrs. Ben Word sang "I Would Be True." Prayer by Mrs. Hollie Dennis, Mrs. H. C. Waltman gave a good illustrative story of "Just As I Am." Prayer by Mrs. L. K. Saul. Every member answered roll call by quoting his favorite scripture. The hostess served a delicious party plate.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, In His Divine Providence, our Heavenly Father saw best to remove from our midst the beloved superintendent of our Sunday School, R. T. St. John, to dwell in that Holy City eternal in the Heavens, therefore be it resolved:

First, That in his passing the Sunday School has lost a most faithful leader, one who was so untiring in his efforts to build up a greater interest in that work in which he was so vitally interested; and,

Second, That in his going to join that Choir Invisible to mingle his voice with the heavenly host as they sing forever the Hallelujah Chorus, our own choir has given up one whose love for singing has inspired them to give of their talent and time as he so willingly gave his; and,

Third, That the Board of Deacons has been called upon to give up a chairman whose wise counsel was so highly esteemed in all matters pertaining to the business and spiritual interests of the church, and,

Fourth, That the church has been bereft of a leader, a friend and co-worker, who gave so generously of his time, talents, and means for the on-going of all phases of work fostered by the church; and,

Fifth, That we commend his family and loved ones to the tender care of a Heavenly Father who doeth all things well and who has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Sixth, That copies of these resolutions be sent to his family, his mother, and his six brothers: that they be spread upon the minutes of the church; and that copies be sent to THE BAPTIST RECORD and THE MACON BEACON for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Halbert,
Bonita Godwin
Lora McMorries.

Constipation Relief That Also Pepsin-izes Stomach

When constipation brings on acid indigestion, bloating, dizzy spells, gas, coated tongue, sour taste, and bad breath, your stomach is probably loaded up with certain undigested food and your bowels don't move. So you need both Pepsin to help break up fast that rich undigested food in your stomach, and Laxative Senna to pull the trigger on those lazy bowels. So be sure your laxative also contains Pepsin. Take Dr. Caldwell's Laxative, because its Syrup Pepsin helps you gain that wonderful stomach comfort, while the Laxative Senna moves your bowels. Tests prove the power of Pepsin to dissolve those lumps of undigested protein food which may linger in your stomach, to cause belching, gastric acidity and nausea. This is how pepsin-izing your stomach helps relieve it of such distress. At the same time this medicine wakes up lazy nerves and muscles in your bowels to relieve your constipation. So see how much better you feel by taking the laxative that also puts Pepsin to work on that stomach discomfort, too. Even finicky children love to taste this pleasant family laxative. Buy Dr. Caldwell's Laxative—Senna with Syrup Pepsin at your druggist today!

CANDIDATES FOR B. A. DEGREE
IN MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE 1940.

Austin, Alvin Fair, Vaiden; Bailey, William Eugene, Batesville; Baker, Katherine Elizabeth (s), Pocahontas; Barnes, Allena Smith, Decatur, Ill.; Bethea, Ralph Chambers, Jackson; Bishop, Odean Banks, Mize; Boyd, Jesse Laney, Jr., Meridian; Brister, James Nolan, Bogue Chitto; Bryan, Edgar Waters, Belen; Burnett, Margaret, Rena Lara; Burnham, Charles Joseph, Bay Springs; Campbell, Leonard Frank, New Orleans, La.; Canzoneri, Mabel Antonina, Jackson; Clark, Teunison Cary, r., Brookhaven; Coker, Nell Fortenberry, Foxworth; Coltharp, Andrew Mathos, Myrtle; Douglas, Charles Hadson, McComb; Fairchild, James Hewlette, Jr., Wesson; Farmer, Willis Hosea, Crystal Springs; Flinn, Cary Nell (s), Jackson; Gillis, Nona Adams, Ackerman; Green, Fred Theo, Jr., Anguilla; Hartley, John Donald, Jackson; Heinrich, Edward Anderson, Richmond, Va.; Henderson, Joe Ray, Pontotoc; Hennington, Joe Henry, Crystal Springs; Herring, James Ethel (s), Vaiden; Hewitt, Thomas Jefferson, Jackson; Hogan, Ellis Leon, Purvis; Ishee, Cuthbert, Clinton; Johnson, Andrew Leon, Mt. Olive; Jones, James Newton (s), Natchez; Jordan, Dennis Lillard (s), McCall; Lancaster, Charles Ernest, Jr., Memphis, Tenn.; Landrum, Charles Clifton, Clinton; Landrum, Claudia Seay, Clinton; Landrum, John Wade (s), Clinton; Lee, Annie Laurie, Forest; Lewis, Earl Benjamin, Neshoba; Lyle, Mary Evelyn, Jackson; McAmis, Julia Jane, Port Gibson; McCall, John William, Jr., Memphis, Tenn.; McDonald, Alma Ione, Clinton; McDonald, Mary Frances (s), Terry; McGehee, William Ford, Jackson; Miller, Sarah Marguerite (s), Philadelphia; Miller, William West, West; Mitchell, Charles Edward, Stewart; Neal, Jessie Norwood, ("Nonie"), Clinton; Nelson, Arthur Alexander (s), Kosciusko; Newton, Thelma Allen (s), Bolton; Norman, Harvey Ellis, Jackson; Patterson, Mary Lin (s), Clinton; Ponder, Earl Bryan (s), Magee; Posey, Ernest Leonard, Jr., Jackson; Proby, Lucien Cleon, Jr., Grenada; Robbins, Ray Frank, Lucedale; Roberson, Cecil Frederic (s), Laurel; Savell, Vernon David, Catchings; Shelton, Lloyd Taylor, Clarksdale; Simmons, Schubert Bryan, Bay Springs; Smith, James Aaron, Rich-ton; Smith, Jesse Leo (s), Lucien; Speights, Hilery Benjamin, Clinton; Stringer, Maurice, Taylorsville; Thigpen, Joe Eltidge, Bay Springs; Todd, Hollis Bailey, Amory; Todd, Norman Wendell, Hickory Flat; Todd, Wayne Edward, Hattiesburg; Townsend, James Lamar, Winona; Turner, David Hamilton, Jr., Franklinton, La.; Turner, Robert, Kosciusko; Turner, William Stevens, Greenwood; Walter, Hershel Emerald (s), Morton; Ward, Henry Grady (s), Pelahatchie; Weems, Reginald Garland, Laurel; Wright, John Berry, Walnut; Young, Angie Wardell, Eden; Young, Robert Harold, Brookhaven.

(s) Summer School.

Candidate — Signs of returning prosperity lie about everywhere . . .
Voice from Audience — Yes, and lie and lie and lie.

MISSISSIPPIANS GRADUATING
AT B.B.I.

The following are those recently their Th. D. Degree. Mark Lowry, pastor at Wesson, Mississippi; Otis Jones, pastor at Bude, Mississippi; R. A. Tullas, pastor of churches near Osyka, Mississippi.

The following are those receiving their Th. M. Degree: R. P. Butler, pastor at Zachary, Louisiana whose home is near Wesson, Mississippi; R. L. Carlisle, has been selected by the Foreign Mission Board to go to the Interior of Uruguay in South America to do Evangelistic work. His home is also near Wesson, Mississippi; C. L. McKay, pastor of two half time churches north of Tylertown, Mississippi; O. P. Moore, pastor at New Augusta, Mississippi.

The following received their Th. B. Degree or Bachelor of Theology: J. D. Griffin, pastor, Pearlhaven Baptist church, Brookhaven, Mississippi; H. B. Benson, who is now pastor of two half time churches near Zachary, Louisiana.

The graduating exercises were held in the Institute Auditorium Thursday evening, May 14, 1940 at 8:00 p. m. Dr. Louie D. Newton delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon prior to the presenting of the Degrees and Diplomas by Dr. Hamilton.

Herman B. Wilkinson.

INTERMEDIATE RALLY AT
GREENWOOD

Chester Swor brought a dynamic, soul-stirring, challenging, appeal to 405 Intermediates, Sunday school workers, and teachers at the Intermediate Sunday School Rally at Greenwood last Sunday. Based on the Christian's individual responsibility to win souls to Christ he presented some little things that bore from within to destroy the ordinary Christian's usefulness. Many souls stood to their feet pledging themselves to really do something for God in the matter of winning souls. It was mighty good to be there. 19 churches representing Leflore, Deer Creek, Bolivar, Holmes, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, and Carroll Associations were present. Greenville Intermediate department won the attendance banner with 1914 person-miles. Headed by Mr. John Davis our convention board president, and Mrs. J. W. Shephard, Intermediate superintendent of the Greenville 1st Church Sunday school, 33 persons drove 58 miles to attend the rally. The Silver City group came the longest distance, 60 miles. Greenwood, First Church had the largest attendance with 82 present.

—Reporter

LYON

Lyon Baptist church, Dr. B. Frank Smith, pastor are rejoicing over the gift of an Everett Orgatron. The organ is a gift of a layman of the Lyon Baptist church, who wishes to keep the name of the donor secret.

Mr. Lawrence Meteyarde, Choirmaster at St. Mary's of Memphis and associate of the Royal College of Music, London, was the guest organist. He was assisted by Mrs. Boyce Adams, Mezzo-soprano and Mrs. Evans Ruse, Violinist.

DOWN IN WAYNE COUNTY

Last week was a great week, for the boys and girls of Wayne County. Mrs. Estus Hudson, with some help, had the boys for the first 2½ days and the girls for the next 2½ days. She carried them to the National Park, down on the banks of Thompson Creek, with all the equipment and eats that were necessary, for boys and girls to have a good time with. In addition to these there were life guards, to protect them while in the creek, and two Missionaries to preach to them and Mrs. Hudson had two or three helpers to instruct them, in other subjects. Don't you know that that will be a Mile Post in their lives. We thank God for such women as Mrs. Hudson.

Last Sunday was one of the Mountain Peaks, in the churches at Clara. The people turned out exceedingly well, and manifested the Spirit of the Day, in the Sunday School and the evening study hours.

We are glad to know that one of our Clara boys is doing some good work, in his ministerial course in our Baptist College, at Clinton, Miss. Rev. A. L. Mills is the young man in whom I speak, and we are grateful to our beloved Rev. W. A. Green, of Waynesboro, Miss., for having him come over and fill his Pulpit last Sunday, which was a Spiritual Feast, for Rev. Mills. Rev. H. R. Herrington supplied for Bro. Mills, at Fruitdale, Ala.

Rev. John I. Hill will be at his regular appointment in the Clara Baptist church, next Sunday (3rd Sunday). We always look forward to his coming with pleasure. He always brings a spiritual feast with him.

Yours for the Lord,
N. L. Shoemaker.FRIENDSHIP, LINCOLN
COUNTY

A business meeting was held at Friendship Saturday night, May 18, by all the officers of the church. The deacons, the Sunday School officers and teachers, the W.M.U. officers, and the B.T.U. officers were present with the pastor, Rev. Roy L. Self.

Reports on the various activities and achievements since the beginning of the year were given by Mr. Versie C. Smith of the board of deacons. Mr. Barney E. Smith, superintendent of the Sunday School; Mr. Nolie L. Posey, church treasurer Mrs. Edgar Smith, W.M.U. president; and Miss Mary Delle Posey, B.T.U. director. Committees were appointed and plans made for the improvement of all phases of the work during the remaining part of this associational year.

Guests with Rev. Self for the evening were: Rev. William Miller and Rev. Mills from Mississippi College and Dr. S. H. Jones of Brookhaven First church. After a supper served by the W.M.U., Dr. Jones brought an encouraging message which is inspiring Friendship leaders to go forward with greater zeal toward greater goals this year.

Nolie L. Posey.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE BAPTIST
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S. S. AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Jackson, Griffith Mem.	599
Jackson, Southside	69
Jackson, Van Winkle	84
Crystal Springs	327
Meridian, 41st Ave.	236
Hattiesburg, Immanuel	118
McComb, First	443
West Laurel	606
Pelahatchie Church	35
Hbg., Main St.	434
Bay St. Louis (May 19)	41
Goodwater, Lauderdale	22
" May 19	31
Heuck's Retreat	80
Rocky Creek	129
Drew Church	215
Fellowship-Lorman	
May 19	13
Bethesda-Oktibbeha	50
Rienzi, May 21	34
Kreole Church	98
Barton-George, May 19	74
Morton-Springfield May 19168	
Florence Church	107
Bay St. Louis, May 26	40
Cross Roads, Zion Assn.	54
Rienzi, May 26	48
Bethlehem, Jones	113
Pass Christian	54
New Zion, Copiah	78
Springfield-Morton	77
Kreole Church	107
Pascagoula, 1st Church	295
Fellowship-Lorman	23
Barton-George Co.	56
State Line	104
Concord Church	63
Greenville, Tabernacle	168

LEAF RIVER

Collins, Miss., May 20—Dedication services for the newly rebuilt Leaf River Baptist Church, 8 miles east of Collins, in Covington County, will be held Sunday, June 2nd, with an all day program including dinner served on the grounds.

The pastor, Rev. R. R. Brigrance together with the program committee, has made plans for a big Home Coming of all former residents of the community and former members of the church which was organized over 100 years ago. Former pastors and other special speakers have been invited with the community choir assisting with special songs.

All local communities have been invited to come and bring lunch, and everyone is cordially invited to be present and welcome old friends as well as meet new ones.

"We especially hope to have all those present who have had a part in rebuilding our church which was destroyed by fire in November," the pastor said.

A woman was trying to learn golf. Golf Instructor. "Lay the ball on the tee and hit it hard."

She. "Is that tea? It looks like ground."

Golf Instructor. "Why, of course it's ground, but they call it tee in golf."

She. "Well, why don't they call it coffee? It's ground."

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